

Rhodesia Reports

A New Dimension In Foreign Missions

By John Alexander

Since my days in the seminary I have had a growing conviction that National Christians around the world should be taught and committed to support their churches financially. It is to the credit of the leadership of our Foreign Mission Board that they have been willing to explore the possibility of such a stewardship emphasis. Eighteen men from six states recently concluded a Stewardship Campaign in every church in Rhodesia. The results of this ef-

fort have been overwhelming. In a joint meeting at Calvary Baptist Church, Salisbury, attended by the pastors; deacons; and directors of WMU, Sunday School, and Brotherhood, the reports from the churches where three of us worked indicated 85 professions of faith, 84 rededications, and 380 commitment cards returned pledged to the budgets of the churches. Reports from the other 15 men and their churches were not available at that time. This pilot campaign has served

to hammer out workable plans that will be used by the Foreign Mission Board in other such campaigns in over 80 countries. Several invitations for a Stewardship Campaign from missions and national conventions in various countries have already been responded to by the Foreign Mission Board. A system that looked to the mission treasury, supplied regularly by American churches, has failed to develop strong, indigenous churches; and our missionaries have for several years been aware

of the need to change this system. The Rhodesia Mission three years ago informed the churches that it would be decreasing its support 10 percent per year and asked them to begin assuming responsibility for their own needs through a church budget and member contributions. Since they had never been taught to give there was some apprehension and reluctance to change, especially on the part of the pastors. This feeling is changing on the part of most pastors, so they were happy

to cooperate in the stewardship campaign.

The Rhodesian experience has re-enforced my conviction over the years that no Christian will ever grow and develop in his spiritual life beyond his financial commitment to the Lord. The people of Rhodesia are learning the truth of what Paul expressed to the Corinthian Christians: "For if you are eager to give, God will accept your gift on the basis of what you have to give, not on what you don't have." II Cor. 8:12.

A new day is dawning for Missions! The churches are exchanging teacup size collection plates for those that show they expect their people to put in folding money instead of coins. The new practice gives a new sense of dignity to the church when they recognize that, even though they are poor, many of them giving regularly can meet the needs of the church.

Attendance is increasing. Singing reflects a new felt joy. Church (Continued on page 3)



Rev. John Alexander, director of the Department of Stewardship and Cooperative Program Promotion for the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, uses bananas to give a practical application on tithing during services at Calvary Baptist Church, Salisbury. The pastor, Rev. Isaac Chedega, watches.

Hobbs To Direct Bible Study For Pastor's Retreat

Herschel Hobbs, pastor emeritus of First Baptist Church, Oklahoma City, and soon to retire as Baptist Hour preacher, will lead the Bible study for the Baptist Pastors' Retreat Oct. 25 to 27 at Camp Garaywa near Clinton. The retreat will be sponsored by the ministry of church administration of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board. Leon Emery is consultant for the board in church administration. Registration will begin at 10:30 a.m. on the first day, and the retreat will continue with a morn-

ing, afternoon, and night sessions for two days and conclude with lunch on the third day.

Hobbs will speak four times on the feature, "The Book We Preach." Four other out-of-state personalities will be James Barry, consultant in the pastoral section of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board in Nashville; Jerry Brown, consultant in the pastoral section; Roy Edgemon, director of evangelism planning and consultation for the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board in

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State's Cooperative Gifts Ahead Of 1975

Through August, Cooperative Program receipts in the offices of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board amounted to \$4,700,859, which is \$474,004 more than for the same period of 1975.

The receipts for the month were \$481,214, which is \$43,622 more than for August of 1975.

The \$4.7 million income for the first eight months of the year, however, is \$165,808 below two-thirds of the year's budget, according to Dr. Earl Kelly, executive secretary - treasurer of the Mississippi Baptist Convention

Board. An eight months' share of the annual budget of \$7.3 million would be \$4,866,667, Dr. Kelly pointed out.

"The final months of the year are always the best financially," Dr. Kelly said. "Mississippi Baptists are mission-minded and will continue to support the convention's missions efforts to the best of their ability," he added.

The Cooperative Program is the voluntary, uniform system of Southern Baptist churches for financing the work of agencies and missions efforts all over the nation and around the world.

16 U. S. Baptists Lead African Stewardship Drive

SALISBURG, Rhodesia (BP) — Sixteen pastors and other Southern Baptist leaders — dispersing to such places as butcher shops, corn fields and churches — spent a month here conducting a series of stewardship campaigns to help Rhodesian Baptist nationals more effectively use all their re-

sources in their Christian lives and ministry. The group included five from Mississippi.

The 16 men from five states visited most of the country's 66 Baptist churches, said James W. Cecil, Southern Baptist missionary on special assignment

with the evangelism and church development office of the denomination's Foreign Mission Board.

The U. S. Baptists talked with Rhodesians in corn fields, butcher shops — anywhere possibilities were presented, Cecil noted.

Preparation for the campaigns began with enlisting specialists in 1975. The Rhodesian Baptist Convention and Southern Baptist missionaries serving there have worked with Joseph B. Underwood, the FMB's consultant in evangelism and church development.

Studies on the best approach for teaching Stewardship in Rhodesia were made. The book, "Living the Responsible Life," by Cecil Ray was translated into Shona, the most widely spoken African dialect in Rhodesia, and

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Missionaries Remain

Beirut Still At War; Baptists Still At Work

By Ruth Fowler

RICHMOND (BP) — With growing-crops and crowded stores, life seems remarkably normal in some parts of Lebanon — but in Beirut, lost lives, military troops, and piles of garbage tell the story of a continuing war.

J. D. Hughey, the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board's secretary for Europe, the Middle East, and South Asia, visited

Beirut for two days and nights during a recent tour of his administrative area. He wanted to see for himself what life was like in Beirut.

Hughey, along with Southern Baptist missionaries Mr. and Mrs. William O. Hern, William T. (Pete) Dunn, and the David W. King family, made the journey from Jordan, traveling for 13 hours — twice as long as the trip

would have taken, during normal times.

"We saw many Syrian troops and Phalangists along the way, but we also saw crops growing in the field," said Hughey. "We saw many houses along the way that had been burned out or demolished. On the other hand, we saw many houses that were normal."

One of the first items on the agenda was a survey of the dam-

ages done to the Hems' home.

"The house had actually been hit five times. There were gaping holes in the walls of the study and of the master bedroom. It is a one story house except for one bedroom on a second floor which was demolished. There was also a hole in the dining room," Hughey said. "It was clear that if people had been in certain parts of the house when it was hit they would have been killed. But the Hems had left two weeks before the hits. The Kings had slept there two nights before the bombs hit."

As soon as it was safe, the Hems' remaining furniture and possessions were moved to the dining room of the Arab Baptist Seminary in the Monsourieh area.

"What impressed me most about the Hems," Hughey said, "was not that they grieved over what they found ruined, but over and over again they exclaimed with joy over what was still there."

Among the things found was Mrs. Hems' favorite study Bible and a printed text which had hung on the office wall. It read, "the eternal God is our refuge and underneath are the everlasting arms" (Deut. 33:27).

The seminary itself has two holes in the roof where shells came through. "I had never realized how a building is affected. The shells evidently did not explode inside so there was not the

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'Triumphant Church' Is State Convention Theme

By Dr. Jim Keith, pastor First Baptist Church, Laurel

"A Triumphant Church For a Troubled World" — that is the theme for the one hundred and forty-first session of the Mississippi Baptist Convention to be held in Jackson's First Baptist Church on November 16-18. The contemporary church with its multiple responsibilities for ministry must play many redemptive roles in society. Whether the church is following, leading, transforming, teaching, caring, sharing, or claiming, it is a church which offers victory to a world otherwise approaching defeat. This will be the challenging message of the 1976 gathering.

Many outstanding personalities will lead this year's convention in viewing the various facets of the "Triumphant Church." Those from beyond the boundaries of Mississippi include Dr. John Claypool, pastor of Broadway Baptist Church in Fort Worth, Texas; Dr. Ralph Smith, pastor of Hyde Park Baptist

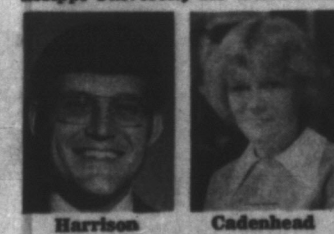
Church in Austin, Texas; Dr. Edwin Young, pastor of First Baptist Church, Columbia, S. C. Dr. Glendon McCullough, executive director of the Southern Baptist Brotherhood Commission; Dr. Carolyn Weatherford, executive secretary of the Southern Baptist Vietnam and now aids the Home Woman's Missionary Union; Rev. Lewis Myers, a Mississippian who is a former missionary to South

Vietnam and now aids the Home Mission Board in Vietnamese refugee resettlement; and Jamall Badry, an evangelistic singer from Oklahoma.

Mississippians on the program are many. Featured speakers will include Dr. James Richardson, who is completing his second term as president of the convention; Rev. William F. Evans, (Continued on page 2)

New Student Directors Named For State, MUW

Two new Baptist Student Union directors have been named in Mississippi. They are Julia Thamel (Judy) Cadenhead at Mississippi University for Women and



Harrel C. Harrison, Jr. at Mississippi State University.

Miss Cadenhead is a native of Ft. Walton Beach, Fla., who received a B.A. from Samford Uni-

versity, Birmingham, taught high school English and history in her hometown, and attended Southwestern Baptist Seminary, receiving her M. Div. degree in 1974. She has been in Student Work at Florida Southern University and other schools in the Tampa area. Judy has served several churches as organist, has been on the faculty at Ridgecrest conferences, served on denominational committees, and was elected as an Outstanding Young Woman of America in 1975 by the General Federation of Women's Clubs.

She began at MUW on August 1 in time to accompany a group of students to the Student (Continued on page 3)

Lay Renewal Training Clinic Set For Jackson

With an increasing number of churches participating in Lay Renewal Ministries, there continues to be a definite need for Lay Renewal Leadership training, according to Elmer Howell, director of the Mississippi Baptist Brotherhood Department.

To meet this need, a Lay Renewal Leadership Training Clinic has been scheduled for Oct. 15-16, 1976 at the Baptist Building in

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Student Center To Be Dedicated

The new Baptist Student Center at Northeast Mississippi Junior College, Booneville, on property adjacent to the campus, is now in use by the students. Open House will be held there September 24

from 12 noon to 8 p.m. Dr. Charles Roselle, secretary of National Student Ministries, BSB, will be guest speaker for the dedication of the building September 26 at 2:30 p.m. (Story on page 2.)

Retreats Planned For BW, BYW

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wives. Cost for the retreat is \$7.50. Send \$2.00 to register for the retreat to Ethel McKeithen, Box 530, Jackson, MS 39205.

The Baptist Women retreat begins at 3 p.m. on Friday and closes at noon on Saturday. Baptist Young Women will come together at Garaywa on October 15-16.

Featured speakers for the retreat will be Mrs. Len Schested of Fort Worth and Mrs. John McFadden, missionary to Nigeria.

Mrs. Schested will be leading mini-prayer retreat periods during each session and will be sharing experiences from her own life. Mrs. Schested was born in Scotland and later moved with her family to Australia. She later served as a missionary in India, working in a home and school for deprived children. After serving there for 13 years, she came to the United States where she met Dr. Herman Schested, who later became her husband. She has continued the ministry to and caring for people here in the States which she had begun earlier in her life.

Also featured at the retreat will be Mrs. John McFadden, missionary to Nigeria. Appointed in 1972, the McFaddens serve in Eku, where Dr. McFadden is a



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pediatrician and Mrs. McFadden is a church worker. She will be sharing her life as a missionary and telling of experiences which she has as a missionary homemaker and mother of three children.

Associational BYW directors will have a time of sharing ideas and plans during the weekend, and there will be a roll call of the associations during the meeting. The attendance goal is 200 BYWs attending this special meeting.

Registration will begin on Friday at 6 p.m., and the retreat will conclude at 3:30 on Saturday afternoon. Cost for the retreat will be \$7.50 which includes meals, insurance and registration fee. Send \$2.00 registration fee along with your name and address to Frances Shaw, Box 530, Jackson, MS 39205. Cost for attending the Saturday session only will be \$3.50, which includes lunch, insurance and registration fee.

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adapted for the local setting. During the campaigns, the stewardship specialists taught in as many as five churches each. In each church the leader and church members studied for a minimum of seven hours over a three-day period, and the leader visited the homes of church members each day and often visited members where they worked.

"The present series of studies comes at a very appropriate time in the life of Rhodesian Baptist churches," said Able Mziramasanga, president of the Rhodesian Baptist Convention.

"Rhodesia's Baptist churches much become self-supporting very soon. Leading Baptist church members to recognize their stewardship privilege and responsibility is a great move toward that end," he said.

"The lessons learned in the

Rhodesian stewardship emphasis," said Underwood, "will help Southern Baptist missionaries around the world develop strong indigenous churches."

Ralph L. Rummage, Southern Baptist missionary to Rhodesia who was local director for the emphasis, said the studies have had a "very positive effect on all areas of (Rhodesian Baptist) church life."

The Mississippians participating in the campaigns were Jimmy McGee, pastor, East McComb Baptist Church, McComb; Tommy Tutor, pastor, First Baptist Church, Holly Springs; James Yates, Pastor, First Baptist Church Yazoo City; Dick Brogan, director, Department of Cooperative Ministries with National Baptists, Mississippi Baptist Convention Board; and John Alexander, director, Department of Stewardship and Cooperative Program Promotion.

Lay Renewal Training Clinic To Be In Jackson

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Jackson. The sessions begin at 7:30 p.m. on Friday and conclude Saturday noon.

Rae B. Robinson, Jr., of Dimensions, Inc., Ft. Worth, Texas, and formerly of the Baptist Sunday School Board, will lead two conferences and bring two inspirational messages. Other conference leaders include Keld Hardin, Director of Renewal Evangelism for the Home Mission Board, and Bill Bangham, national renewal consultant and author of the group dynamics book, *Journey Into Small Groups*.

An overview conference will be conducted for those persons — directors of missions, pastors, church staff members, and lay persons — desiring indepth understanding of Lay Renewal Ministries.

Conferences will also be available for those interested in becoming coordinators and consultants. Lay team leaders will be trained in conferences for adult teams, youth teams, and children's work.

"Perhaps the Journey Into Life Style Evangelism and Ministry can meet existing needs in your church. Its effectiveness is being demonstrated in churches in every section of our state. Churches with memberships ranging from 150 to 1,800 are experi-

encing the penetrating effects of renewal — God's people becoming even more concerned and involved in their churches," How-ell said.

"If you plan to attend the clinic, please complete the form below and mail to us, so that we can have adequate space available," he urged.

Hobbs To Direct Bible Study For Pastors

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Atlanta, Ga.; and John Havlik, director of the Department of Evangelism Development with the Home Mission Board.

The retreat will be provided without cost except for a \$1 registration fee, Emery said.

Brown will speak on pastoral leadership. Barry will lead in discussions on preaching. Havlik will direct sessions on evangelism in the church, and Edgemon will be in charge of discussions on deacons and evangelism.

Dr. R. A. McLemore

A Tribute To A Baptist Historian

By Dr. James Porch, President Mississippi Baptist Historical Commission

Dr. R. A. McLemore was a multi-talented Christian gentleman. While Mississippi Baptists honor him for his outstanding achievements as president of Mississippi College, he must be remembered also for his contribution to Mississippi Baptist historiography. As a historian Dr. McLemore combined his gift of a sensitive historical consciousness with his ability to analyze, interpret, and write the story of Mississippi Baptists in both a readable and interesting manner.

Since 1973 Dr. McLemore served as executive secretary-treasurer of the Mississippi Baptist

Historical Commission and since 1970 he represented Mississippi Baptists as a member of the Board of Directors of the Southern Baptist Historical Commission. These dual positions gave him opportunities to pursue his great interest in Baptist history.

As the executive secretary-treasurer of the Mississippi Baptist Historical Commission McLemore, the historian, endeavored himself to many local churches as he researched their past and helped those churches realize their valuable role in the legacy of the Kingdom of God.

Dr. McLemore was always an educator at heart. His efforts hastened the day when the Historical Commission's office at Mississippi College became bet-

ter equipped to serve both the needs of the serious student of history as well as those people seeking information to satisfy their personal questions concerning churches or personalities of our Baptist past. He continued to emphasize the need for proper cataloging and indexing of the church and associational records and other artifacts in order that these tools for the historian would be readily available.

During the July meeting of the board he led the commission in making preliminary plans for the publication of a volume on Mississippi Baptist leadership.

At his death Dr. McLemore was in the process of writing a history of Mississippi College and a history of The Baptist Record. While we often think of a

person in relation to the task he has completed we must remember that it speaks well of a man to know that as his life ended he was actively pursuing that enjoyable vocation which gave him a sense of purpose and in turn, would bless so many lives.

We thank God for the contribution R. A. McLemore has made to Mississippi Baptists. Especially we honor him for bequeathing to us a new appreciation of our Mississippi Baptist heritage.

The work of the historian grows in value as time passes. While we access his accomplishments as valuable today, future generations of Mississippi Baptists will find in Dr. McLemore's writings and contributions a treasury of knowledge concerning the people called Mississippi Baptists.

Roselle To Speak At Student Center Dedication

The Baptist Student Center at the Northeast Mississippi Junior College, Booneville, located on property adjacent to the campus, is now being used by the students.

Open House for students, faculty, and friends is scheduled for Friday, September 24, from twelve noon until eight p.m. Dedication will follow on Sunday, September 26, at 2:30 p.m. Mr. Charles M. Roselle, Secretary of National Student Ministries, Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville, Tennessee, will make the

dedicatory address. All pastors, church members, former students, and friends are invited.

The Center contains 4,700 square feet and was erected at a cost of \$141,101, funded by the churches in Alcorn, Prentiss, Tippah, Tishomingo, and Union Counties. The Mississippi Baptist Convention shared in the purchase of the property and paid for most of the furnishings and equipment. Total evaluation is near \$200,000.

Director Joe Cobb says that general contractor Doug Jumper of S & J Steel Builders, Boone-

ville, did an excellent job in erecting the building designed along functional lines by McRee, Dardaman, Jones of Grenada.

The program of Baptist Student Work at Northeast consists of morning devotions, Bible study, prayer groups, evangelism training youth revival teams, BSU choir, Sonshine — an ensemble that sings year round, fel-

lowships, banquets, retreats, conventions, Christian recreation, intramural athletic teams, mission trips, and student summer missions.

"The Center has already added to the dimensions of Baptist Student Work at Northeast," states Ralph B. Winders, director of the Department of Student Work, MBCB.

The Association And Convention Board Membership

By Dr. W. Leven Moore

The Committee on Nominations for the Mississippi Baptist Convention is now in the process of preparing its report for the November meeting on the convention. A part of the work of this committee is to study the nominations which the various associations make for Convention Board members. The association elects a person to be nominated by the convention's Committee on Nominations. Only the convention can elect to board membership. Associations should understand that, to be eligible, the person whom they recommend must meet the requirements set forth by the convention's Constitution and By-Laws.

Because of the "at large" members of the Convention Board, several associations will have more than one board member. Each association recommends only one, the additional "at large" members are recommended by the Committee on Nominations. Associations should be aware of the

stipulation that if the "at large" board member already serving from the association is a pastor, the person nominated by the association must be a lay person and vice-versa. Multiple Board memberships must be alternated between pastors and lay persons.

Associations having more than one board member are asked to consider this constitutional requirement before voting on a Convention Board nominee at an annual meeting of the association. A complete statement of the requirements for Convention Board membership may be found on pages 13-14 of the 1976 Mississippi Baptist Convention Annual. Associational officers are urged to read this portion of the convention procedures as outlined by Article I of the Plan of Organization and Action will be of great value to all who have responsibilities in the process of electing Convention Board members.

(W. Leven Moore is Chairman of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Committee on Nominations.)

Bible Teaching Conventions Slated For Three Churches



Gunnells

Ramsay

Three Bible Teaching-Learning Improvement Conventions will be held in as many Mississippi Baptist churches on Oct. 19, 21, and 22.

First Baptist Church, Grenada, will be the site of the Oct. 19 convention. On Oct. 21 the meeting will be held at Temple Baptist Church, Hattiesburg. The site for the Oct. 22 convention will be Grace Memorial Baptist Church, Gulfport.

Each of the meeting will begin with a general session at 2:30 p.m. and conclude at 9 p.m. following age group and general officers conferences that begins at 7:25.

The afternoon and evening sessions will be identical with a Bible message following the general sessions. There will also be age group and general officers conferences in the afternoon sessions.

Rev. Judd R. Allen, consultant in the Sunday School Department of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, will deliver the message in the afternoon in each conference. The conferences will be

sponsored by the Sunday School Department.

For the convention at Grenada Dr. Bob Ramsay, pastor of Calvary Baptist Church of Tupelo, will be the evening speaker. For the convention in Hattiesburg the evening speaker will be Dr. John Traylor, pastor of First Baptist Church, Gulfport. For the final convention in Gulfport the evening speaker will be Rev. Drew Gunnells of Mobile, Ala.

Billy Hudgens, consultant in the Sunday School Department, will preside at First Baptist Church, Grenada, where Dr. John Lee Taylor will be host pastor. Presiding at Temple Baptist Church, Hattiesburg, will be Rev. Bryant Cummings, director of the Sunday School Department. Rev. Kermit D. McGregor will be host pastor. Larry Slater, consultant in the Sunday School Department, will preside at Grace Memorial Baptist Church, Gulfport, where Rev. Jim Futral will be the host pastor.

Other faculty members to be involved in the three conventions will include Mrs. Phil Myers, Natchez; Mrs. James Tadlock, Jackson; Mrs. Dennis Kissinger, Natchez; Mrs. David Sullivan, Clinton; Don Driskill, Brandon; Mrs. Dan Muirhead, Vicksburg; Sheila Hyde, Columbus; Farrell Blankenship, Hattiesburg; Rice Pierce, Nashville; Harold March, Nashville; David Hulsey, Hattiesburg; Mrs. Warren Haney, Philadelphia; and Bill Hardy, Columbus.

There will be child care for pre-schoolers from birth through five years of age at both afternoon sessions at each location, Rev. Cummings said.

Revival Dates

Vance Church, Vance: September 25 - October 1; Sunday services, 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; weekdays, 7:30 p.m.; Dr. A. L. Clegg of Ponchatoula, Louisiana, evangelist; Mike Lott, Vance, minister of music; singer; Dr. Felix V. Greer, Jr., pastor.

Lay Renewal Leadership Training Clinic — Oct. 15-16, 1976

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damaged expected. They came through the roof, making clean holes, peeling back the steel supports as if they were tin."
All the windows of the seminary were broken in the front and the back by shells. "I don't think any of them were aimed at the seminary," Hughey said, "but the seminary is just a mile and a half from the recently fallen Tela' Zaatar camp."

"It's rather unlikely the seminary will be open in the fall," Hughey continued. "An alternative will be to hold training courses for pastors and prospective pastors and laymen in different places."

The seminary continued last spring through all of its classes and graduated one student. The Beirut Baptist School remained open throughout the year and for the first time in its history held summer school, offering courses in typing, English, music, art, and preaching. Five young men studying preaching are conducting a service every afternoon in the church adjoining the school with about 30 people attending. They are doing the preaching themselves.

Emma Cooke and Mabel Summers, both Southern Baptist missionaries, have been teaching at the Beirut Baptist School.

All of the churches that have been heard from are continuing to meet, despite the death of the first Lebanese Baptist in early August. She ran outside to help her daughter, who was hurt by sniper fire, and was killed.

"I think the missionaries who have stayed have been a great encouragement to the Lebanese Baptists who have had to stay and to other people as well," Hughey said. "The fact the seminary was able to complete its year's program is a very, very significant thing. There's nothing that seems much more important than training Christian leaders for that part of the world."

"I think the fact that the Beirut Baptist School was kept open so much of the year and was able to

hold the graduation service a few weeks ago said something to the whole community," Hughey continued. "The presence of the missionaries has said, 'We love Lebanon, we love the Lebanese people, we love the Lord. We are here because we are needed here.'"

Hughey went on to say he had made it clear the missionaries shouldn't stay simply to protect property which might be occupied if they left, because the mission-

aries' lives are infinitely more valuable than any property.

"I would be so much more comfortable, really, if they were all out and safe. Yet, I'm filled with admiration for those who have felt they ought to stay. I'm full of confidence, also, in those who have felt the time had come for them to leave," Hughey said. "I think it would have been a terrible mistake for the entire missionary group in Lebanon to have

stayed."

Hughey and some of the missionaries left safely after two days stay. Others were retained at the border, sleeping at an inn at night and waiting during the day to be allowed to cross. It was four days before they were permitted to go to Jordan.

Southern Baptist missionaries still in Lebanon are the Kings, Emma Cooke, and Mabel Summers.

Colorado Flood Victims Report Financial Needs

By Celeste Loucks

LOVELAND, Colo. (BP)—Praying came easy, said Bill Griffing, after a 19-foot wall of water burst through his front door and left him clinging to the day-bed floating in his living room.

As the water level rose, "I could see I was getting closer to the ceiling," recounted Griffing. "I was just wondering if I was going to be pushed against the ceiling and the air would be shut off."

Griffing was one of thousands caught by the churning waters of the flash flood which ripped through Colorado's Big Thompson Canyon near Denver late July 31.

"It was easy to pray," said the elderly man.

"I never did ask for my life to be spared. I prayed the publican's prayer: 'God be merciful to me a sinner.' Save my soul for Christ's sake."

In the wake of the flood, bodies of more than 130 dead — campers, tourists, residents — have been recovered.

A rescue team dug Griffing out of thigh-high silt which trapped him in his home after the flood waters receded. A helicopter airlifted him to Loveland hospital.

Griffing was safe. But his problems had just begun. Like many living along the Big Thompson River, he is retired, living on a fixed income. His children are scattered.

The Red Cross provided emergency medical care. Several civic and religious groups around the state raised some money and offered canned goods and clothing. The Corps of Engineers now is clearing debris from property.

But damages are estimated from \$30 million to \$50 million. The flood destroyed 328 residences, 95 mobile homes and 52 businesses. At least 100 small private bridges were wiped out.

And one month after the disaster, people like Griffing are stranded without homes and tangled in the red tape of obtaining federal money to be loaned at 5-8 percent interest.

Colorado Baptist leaders contacted the Red Cross at the time of the flood to determine needs of victims. Inundated with canned goods and clothing, the Red Cross discouraged further assistance.

The Colorado Baptist General

Convention will distribute \$8,000 sent by the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board for flood relief.

Roy Owen, state missions director for Colorado, said few Colorado Baptists have responded with money or help. "We haven't known what the needs are," he explained.

Problems following the flood are on-going and will require long-range solutions, he thinks. "It's not the kind of thing you can take care of overnight."

While state leaders maintain their watch-and-wait stance, some Colorado Baptists responded from the beginning.

In Loveland — only a few miles from the flood area, Charles Murray, the pastor of Trinity Baptist

Jackson D-Min. Sessions Available

NEW ORLEANS — Dr. George Harrison, Professor of Old Testament and Hebrew at the New Orleans Seminary is conducting

Ministry seminars in Jackson beginning Monday, September 13 at 10:00 a.m. The sessions will be held in the Mississippi Baptist Building,

515 Mississippi Street and will be entitled "A Preaching Approach to Jeremiah." Approximately 20 Mississippians have enrolled in this program and other interested persons may contact Dr. Bradford Curry, New Orleans Baptist Seminary, 3939 Gentilly Blvd., New Orleans, La. 70126, or call 1-504-282-4455.

Seminary Registration
Fall registration for Mississippi Baptist Seminary has been announced as being Sept. 30 to Oct. 1, according to a seminary spokesman.

The hours for registration will be from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m. The seminary is located at 3672 Delta Drive in Jackson.

Dr. T. B. Brown is president.

Church, led his members in a prayer chain the night of the flood. The following week, he worked day and night, identifying bodies and counseling families of flood victims.

His church members provided food and clothing. Later, they opened their homes to the homeless. Griffing, who had no church affiliation, moved into the home of a Trinity Baptist couple after he was dismissed from the hospital.

Trinity members David and Linda Conner, whose own home and property along the river was miraculously untouched by the flood waters, have been instrumental in obtaining names and needs of area flood victims who will share the Home Mission Board funds in the state.

Conner, whose next door neighbor died in the flood, took off work for several days and moved up and down the river, offering help and counseling for devastated neighbors.

As the initial shock of the disaster is wearing away, Conner notes an underlying desperation: "People are independent around here. They are shy to take money at first. They have said others need the money much worse than they do."

"But I think they are getting over that. Now they say what they need is money," Conner said.

And, he said, "when they come down to the realization of what the government is going to do — it isn't much." His wife added, "there is a lot of anger at having to go through the paperwork — and not getting much money."

Many of the retired people — in their sixties and seventies — cannot afford the loans. And, across the board, young families and old depleted their savings in the first month.

"When we heard of a need, we send someone to meet it, whether it is financial or spiritual," said Murray about the 300-member congregation. "We could use ten times more, but the money (coming from the Home Mission Board) will help."

We're just doing what we can, with our limited resources. I believe a month from now is when the real crisis will be."



Rick Yount of Irving, Texas, leads lay evangelism school for the deaf at Woodland Hills Baptist Church in Jackson.

Multi-Ethnic Lay Evangelism Schools Aid Language Groups

The first Multi-Ethnic Simultaneous Lay Evangelism School of Mississippi Baptists was held for four language groups in four communities during the week of July 5 to 9.

The Spanish Lay Evangelism School was held in Shelby, MS, and led by Rev. Bob Sena, Consultant on Ethnic Evangelism of the Evangelism Division of the Home Mission Board.

The Chinese Lay Evangelism School was held in Celveland, MS and led by Rev. Chee Wu, pastor of the Chinese Baptist Church.

The Deaf Lay Evangelism School was held at Woodland Hills Baptist Church in Jackson, under the direction of Mr. Rick Yount, Director of Deaf Ministries, First Baptist Church, Irving, Texas. Yount is a Doctor of Religious education student at Southwestern Seminary, Fort Worth, Texas. The Indian Lay Evangelism

School was held under the leadership of Dr. Frank Belvin, consultant of Indian work... Language Missions Department of the Home Mission Board, in the Pearl River Community.

The Multi-Ethnic Simultaneous Lay Evangelism School was sponsored jointly by the Evangelism Department and Cooperative Missions Department of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, the Evangelism Division of the Home Mission Board, and the Language Missions Department of the board. Rev. Roy Colman, Evangelism Department; Rodney Webb, Cooperative Missions Department; and Rev. Bob Sena, Home Mission Board, coordinated the effort.

The Spanish, Chinese, Deaf and Indian people completed a Simultaneous Crusade held September 12-19.

New Student Directors Named For State, MUW

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Conference at Ridgecrest in a Volkswagen bus recently purchased for the BSU by Lowndes County Association, and she has also helped in the selection of new furniture for the Student Center — the final part of a refurbishing project that started several years ago.

Harrison, a native of Mobile, in a sense is returning home as he received his degree from the University of Southern Mississippi, where he was a dean's list scholar, ODK, "Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges," BSU president, and president of the Mississippi Baptist Student Convention.

From 1965-67 he served as a first lieutenant, U. S. Army, including duty in Vietnam and was awarded four medals. Upon discharge he was for a time Associate BSU Director at USM.

He received the M. Div. from Southwestern Seminary in 1970 and has completed all resident requirements for the D. Min. degree from Southern Seminary.

Ircel was a Home Mission Board summer missionary in 1963; pastor of Clairette (Texas) Baptist Church, 1969-70; and as director of Baptist student work at Middle Tennessee State University since 1970, he has led in an aggressive, comprehensive program, including the erection of a new student center. He has served as a special consultant in student leadership development for

the National Student Ministries Department, Baptist Sunday School Board.

Mrs. Harrison is the former Rita Fairchild of Scott County and was BSU president of East Central Junior College before transferring to USM to obtain her degree. They have three children: Sharon Elizabeth, John Richard, and Stephanie Kay, who have been with their mother in Starkville since the opening of public schools. Ircel joins them today (Sept. 16) as he assumed leadership of the MSU BSU, succeeding Jerry Merriman, now associate state BSU director.

Other staff members at State are Mrs. June Scoggins, associate director (who has been Acting Director) and Mrs. Wanda Potts. The BSU president is Tom Daniel of Jackson.

A New Dimension - -

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leaders are talking now of more space and larger memberships. Requests for Bibles and Testaments is increasing. It is true all over the world that where a man's treasure is, there will his heart be also.

Like all other countries in the world, Rhodesia has its problems. Should the worst come, the Baptists of Rhodesia will now be in a much better position to maintain their work and witness because of a new dimension in Foreign Missions.

Action

First Church, Leland has experienced its highest August Sunday School attendance in 10 years as a result of ACTION.

Tommy Howard, director of the ACTION emphasis shares the following good news: There have been 86 new members enrolled with the pastor's class enrolling 62 members.

"Our worship services are exciting — people are coming in large numbers filled with enthusiasm and a zeal in their hearts," states Dr. James Richardson, pastor and President of the Mississippi Baptist Convention. "There is no end" — it is like throwing a rock into a lake — that is what our whole ministry is about — reaching people — caring about people."

Again, I say, "the side effects of ACTION have been the most exciting thing about it."

Training Conferences End Summer Season At Garaywa

The closing weeks of summer at Camp Garaywa, Clinton, brought a new WMU Manuals Institute, a study of new manuals published for general officers and age-level leaders. This institute was attended by 233 women who were given help on how to teach these manuals to WMU leaders in their churches.

WMU Camp, the annual training

conferences offered for all local WMU leaders, came next. Women came from north, south, east, and west Mississippi, eager to learn what duties and responsibilities are to be theirs for the coming year in Woman's Missionary Union.

An attendance of 1317 at Garaywa plus 714 at conferences at Houston and McComb made a

total attendance of 2031 women who took advantage of the training for the coming year.

After WMU Camp, a Home Mission Study Institute was held. Teaching techniques for the Home Mission Graded Series books on the Northwest were shared with conference participants.

These institutes, and WMU Camp, followed nine weeks of

summer camps for Girls in Action and Acteens. Marilyn Hopkins, Acteens director and camp director, planned and directed the program of missions emphasis and recreation. Staffers from Mississippi colleges and Southern Baptist seminaries served at Garaywa to help make the camp in experience for each girl a pleasant, worthwhile one.



Out-of-state guests at WMU Camp, pictured with Mrs. E. M. Kee of Woodville, are: Aline Fusell, Baptist Women Consultant, WMU, SBC, Birmingham; Mrs. Kee, Mississippi WMU Vice President; Mickey Martin, Girls in Action-Mission Friends Consultant, WMU, SBC, Birmingham.



Standing Room Only—this was the situation at Garaywa during one of the sessions of WMU Camp.



The Baptist Book Store provides WMU materials for women to purchase during the sessions of WMU Camp each year.



Marjean Patterson, executive secretary, Mississippi WMU, instructs women in teaching techniques for the new manual for WMU directors at the Manual Institute.

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EDITORIAL

Southern Baptists And The South

It appears that people in ever increasing numbers are beginning to move into the Sunbelt, the area stretching across the United States from Southern California to Florida and the Carolinas.

Mississippi, of course, is right in the middle of this area.

How the migration to the Sunbelt will affect the Baptist percentages of the population in what has been known until recently as the Bible Belt remains to be seen.

Home Missions magazine, however, in its September issue, has published some statistics that likely would be of interest to most Mississippi Baptists. On Page 21 is a chart that gives figures for 14 Sunbelt states and how the Southern Baptist percentage of population in each has been affected since 1950.

In 1950 Mississippi had 170 Southern Baptists per 1,000 people, according to the chart; and this was high, but not the highest. Both South Carolina and Tennessee also had 170, Alabama had 180, and Georgia had 200.

By 1960 Mississippi had caught Alabama, and each had 220. South Carolina and Tennessee were not keeping the pace and had only 210 each. Georgia continued to forge ahead and had 230 Southern

Baptists per 1,000 people in 1960.

By 1970 Alabama had moved into the lead in the percentage of Southern Baptists in the population and had 250 per 1,000, or one in four. Georgia, which had been the leader, actually lost on a percentage basis and had 220 per 1,000. South Carolina and Tennessee continued to move at an equal pace, and both had 230 per 1,000.

Though Mississippi was not able to keep up with Alabama in the 1970 count, it maintained its hold on second place and had 240 per 1,000.

Here is the interesting statistic. Only three states registered a growth from 1970 through 1974, which is the last year covered by the report. Mississippi was the only one of the three which had been among the five leaders in 1950 and 1960 and even as late as 1970.

Mississippi registered a gain to 250, which placed this state in a tie with Alabama, where there was no gain experienced. Georgia only maintained its 220 figure. South Carolina dropped to 220 and Tennessee remained at 230.

The other two states to gain were Arkansas from 180 to 190 and Oklahoma from 210 to 220.

On an average the 14 states gained from 140 to 170 from 1950 to

1960. Since then there has been no percentage gain for the entire Sunbelt.

Mississippi now has more Southern Baptists per capita than any state except Alabama, and it caught Alabama because the Southern Baptist growth percentage in that state came to a halt. Southern Baptist growth across the entire south, percentage-wise, has not advanced since 1960. Only three states have registered a percentage gain since 1970.

Is this creeping paralysis about to move in on Mississippi? The population of the state is about to experience a considerable growth. There seems to be no question about that.

Will we be able to keep pace and even continue to move ahead as the new people move into our state?

We surely must make every effort in that direction.

We are the only one of the five leading states in the 50s and 60s in Southern Baptist percentages that has continued to grow. If we continue to grow in the future, it won't be by accident. It will be by hard work.

What do statistics mean? They are only figures. Truly, but they represent souls who must be dealt with.

Thank You, Mississippi Baptists

Somehow, there needs to be a word, or sizeable statement, from the editor in appreciation for the opportunity of serving in this place. It would, of necessity, be personal.

Such an attitude was mentioned briefly two weeks ago in a statement intended more to be a tribute to the retiring editor than of my appreciation for this opportunity.

If there was ever a dream come true, this is it.

Many years ago I realized that I would like to be a state paper editor, but after 15 years "in the business" I didn't see much hope of that happening. Now it has, for the second time.

Without seeking the opportunity, and after almost declining consideration when it came, I was named editor of the California Southern Baptist in 1971. I spent two very happy and interesting years out there and made some marvelous friends.

But then, just as unexpectedly, the door opened for a move back to Texas and to closer proximity to family members to make handling of those responsibilities easier. After an agonizing decision this move was made. A weekly newspaper was purchased, then another one became available, and then another one. I was almost a poor man's William Randolph Hearst. I

doubt that he ever worked as hard as I did.

But I was out of my element. I wanted to be in Baptist state paper work. Through John Hurt, the editor in Texas, I heard that Joe Odle was seeking a replacement for Joe Abrams as associate editor in Mississippi, so I made arrangements to discuss this with him and Dr. Earl Kelly during the Southern Baptist Convention in 1974 in Dallas. This resulted in my coming to the staff of the Baptist Record in September of 1974 before Joe Abrams retired at the end of that year.

These have been wondrously pleasant years. There could not have been a more gracious reception anywhere. It has been a delight to be among the people in the Baptist Building. They are a committed and dedicated group, and I am proud to be a part of the team. I have tried to be useful during these two years, and will continue to do so. This is an enjoyable place to work.

The practical elements of my work have taken me all over the state, and I have met hundreds of Mississippi Baptists. I don't remember them all, though I wish I could. But they have surely made an impression on me with their gracious hospitality and acceptance. I have spoken in their churches, made pictures of their activities,

and eaten in their homes; and it has been delightful.

Through the pastor dialog program of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board I have come to know some of the finest servants of the Lord to be found anywhere.

What more should be said? Much, much more. But it would be impractical to try to handle this word of appreciation in an adequate manner. I must simply say, Thank You, very much.

To Dr. Odle, Dr. Kelly, the personnel committee, the executive committee, and the Convention Board, my deep appreciation for this opportunity. My determination, with the help of the Lord, will be to make it all worthwhile.

Now let me commend to all Mississippi Baptists everywhere the new associate editor, Tim Nicholas. He comes highly recommended from his former post with the Home Mission Board, and a few minutes with him lets one understand why he is so highly regarded. He is easy to know, has an engaging personality, and has a widely established reputation for being a self starter and one who sticks to the job until it is done.

We welcome him to our fair state and wish him well. He is a young man, almost 29 years of age, with denominational experience behind him already. He will be a decided asset to our work in Mississippi.

Letters To The Editor

Reflections On Rhodesia

Dear Sir:

I found in Rhodesia a nation in spiritual darkness, but ready and willing to hear and respond to the gospel. In all the countries on several continents I have visited, I have never been treated more graciously. The churches here are willing to learn and follow a better way. They desperately need teaching and training. The pastors have been working with in serving at great personal sacrifice.

Rev. Isaac Chigede is pastor of three churches in Salisbury; Calvary, Glen Norah, and Mufakose. He is a warm hearted evangelistic pastor who weeps with those who weep and rejoices with those who rejoice. He has a wife and six children whom he feeds on \$65 a month. His churches are miles apart and he has no form of transportation. He could do so much more if he had even a bicycle or motor bike. All of his churches are in residential neighborhoods and thousands of people live in each community. Thousands of people walk up and down the road in front of his churches. He spends what time he can standing in front of his church and speaking to the people. He gives tracts and gospels to those who pass that way. One of his churches has recently been wired for electric lights for \$285.00. The utility company will charge \$400.00 just to connect the electric line to the church.

Dollars given through the Cooperative Program regularly provides Bibles, tracts, gospels, and other forms of aid needed by the faithful pastors who are

facing almost insurmountable odds in their work. If Southern Baptists could only see and feel what each of us here have felt these days, the needs would be supplied.

In America the people have heard the gospel for years and years and most of them now pass it off with no thought of responding. Multitudes here in Rhodesia have never heard one time. Somehow it just doesn't seem right for so many Southern Baptist preachers to spend their one life preaching to people in America when, according to their response, they couldn't care less, while multitudes upon multitudes here sit in spiritual darkness.

The few missionaries in this country can't begin to respond to the opportunities to teach, preach and build churches. Would you be willing, brother pastor in America, to open your heart to the call of the Holy Spirit and invest your life here where it could really count for Christ? From personal experience I know the hurt you often carry in your heart when you realize your work is not really appreciated. Come to Rhodesia and you will be loved and appreciated while you preach to multitudes who are willing to hear and respond. Rhodesia calls! Do you really care?

John Alexander
Jackson, MS

Dear Sir:

Every person of maturity enjoys the feeling of seeing his money wisely invested. How often has one remarked

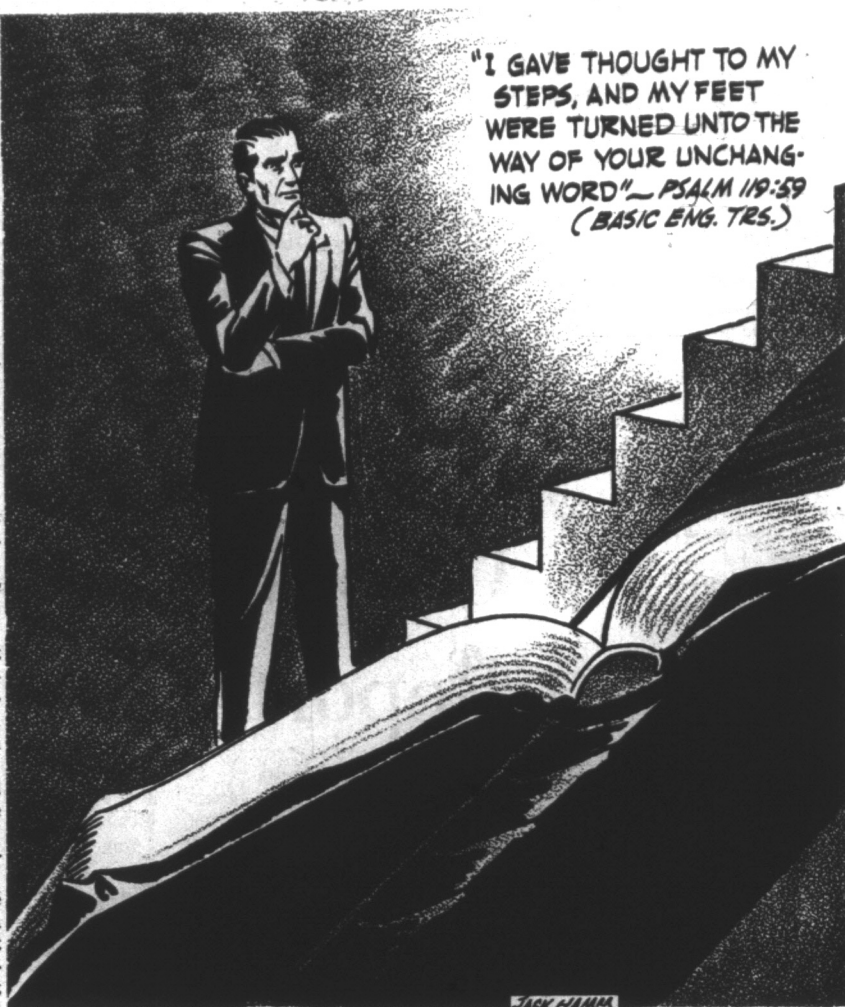
about a service, or a meal, or a car deal. "I didn't get my money's worth."

I caught up with my "congealed sweat" (another name for money) at Sanyati Baptist Mission in Rhodesia, Africa. About the time Southern Baptists started working in this country (1890) named for Cecil Rhodes, I started giving to Convention causes as a junior boy. August 7 I set foot on the mission station and caught up with my money.

"I" had been present in the voice of Archie Dunaway, who preached the Gospel. "I" had given preventive care to expectant mothers through the hands of Fran Greenway. "I" taught over 500 pupils through the skills of Herb Edminster and Bob Parker. "I" helped to build, staff, and heal bodies at the 100-bed hospital. "I", in absentia, led Africans to Jesus Christ. "I" helped to bear witness to the grace of Jesus Christ in Mujiba, Katsuro, Lozane, and Renje. These preaching points were ones in which, bodily, I too proclaimed the Gospel. "I" stood by as the Perts (husband and wife) performed surgery. My investment was well spent!

I salute these 86 ambassadors of Jesus Christ in Rhodesia. They have transcended culture, language, race, and often left children to show and tell the "good news."

Every Southern Baptist ought to pull out his pocket book or checkbook and let his "congealed sweat" take on new flesh and blood. The Cooperative Program provides voices, hands, literature, and per-



"I GAVE THOUGHT TO MY STEPS, AND MY FEET WERE TURNED UNTO THE WAY OF YOUR UNCHANGING WORD" — PSALM 119:59 (BASIC ENG. TRS.)

After Careful Consideration

Faces And Places

By Anne Washburn McWilliams

One day last week the temperature dropped to 55, and the weatherman announced, "The record low for this date was 51 in 1955." Chilly mornings are back, and next week fall will return. Association time is here again. . . .

With Dr. Odle retiring and Mr. McGregor moving into his corner office, I've been thinking about other editors I have known. I'd been working with Dr. A. L. Goodrich for two years when he invited me to go with him to the annual meeting of the Yazoo Association.

Anyone who remembers Dr. Goodrich will instantly recall that one of his chief goals was to increase the circulation of the Baptist Record. We stopped for gasoline, and he asked the attendant if he subscribed to the Baptist Record. We stopped for coffee, and he asked the waitress if she subscribed to the Record.

When he asked me, "Did you hear about the man who got lost in the woods?" I knew I was about to hear a repetition of his famous joke: "It started to rain and the man crawled into a hollow log. When he got ready to come out, he couldn't. He was stuck. He thought, 'What in the world will I do?' Suddenly he remembered he hadn't read his Baptist Record — and it made him feel so little that he crawled right out!"

When we got to Concord Church, just beyond Little Yazoo, it was deserted. We'd come the wrong way. "I'll tell you what," he said. "You come back tomorrow, and give the Record report." (I've wondered ever since if he had planned that in advance.)

October 19, 1955, was a glowing, golden day. My husband of three weeks said he thought he could risk me to drive our new green Ford, but on second thought he'd come along for the ride.

On the steps of the church I met Dr. John McCall, pastor of First Church, Vicksburg, and one of the guest speakers.

I made a brief talk about the merits of the state paper in general and the Baptist Record in particular. I told them about a preacher I had met while I was a summer missionary in the mountains of north Alabama: "That preacher told me his salary was seldom more than 50 cents a month, and after I'd heard him preach I wasn't surprised. While I was directing the Bible school in his church, I stayed in his home for a week. His wife would go to work in the cotton mill to make their living; the ten-year-old daughter would cook the meals (the family was so big that she made cornbread in a dishpan.) The four-year-old was chewing tobacco constantly and the teen-

sons to live out the Gospel in places where the name and power of Jesus Christ is unknown.

Can you trace the footsteps of your money? It is in good company! I am grateful that I as a Southern Baptist can track down the dollars I spend in World Missions.

My Rhodesian experience renewed my faith in the Southern Baptist way of "going into every nation—to every creature with the Gospel."

Dick Brogan
Jackson

"Waiting God's time is the fastest way to get there. . . ."

"God can only bless that which is given. He cannot bless what he does not possess."

age boys puffing cigars. Chickens walked through the house when they didn't want to go under or around. The preacher and I sat on the front porch and he told me what he knew (and didn't know) about the Bible. It was his firm belief that the world is flat because Revelation says that four angels are standing on the four corners of the earth."

I said in my speech, "If that preacher had read his state Baptist paper, he would have been a better educated pastor, and if his congregation had read it, their offerings would have increased."

At 12 o'clock Pastor John Lee Taylor invited the crowd to dinner on the grounds. While under a canopy of blue sky we feasted on fried chicken and ham, banana pudding and chocolate cake. I met Leon Emery, pastor of the Melrose Church, newcomer to Mississippi, and W. C. Fields, pastor of First Church, Yazoo City, and Mrs. Atkinson, mother of the late Faye Atkinson, whom I had known at Southwestern Seminary.

The next March Dr. Goodrich died of a heart attack, and Dr. Fields succeeded him as editor. I think he would be happy to know that the Baptist Record circulation is now on the threshold of 120,000. Leon Emery is head of the Convention Board's new Church Administration Department. Dr. John Lee Taylor is pastor of First Church, Grenada; and Dr. John McCall is in his 24th year as the distinguished pastor of First Church, Vicksburg.

In the Sunday School lesson for September 12, John Durham wrote, "We always bring with us into the new that part of the old that is dear to us. . . and in this process, the old itself somehow becomes new."

I like to think that the Baptist Record has thus coped with change, retaining and re-working that which is of lasting value.

Never self-possessed, or prudent, love is all abandonment. —Ralph W. Emerson.

Love is an image of God, and not a lifeless image, but the living essence of the divine nature which beams full of all goodness. —Martin Luther.

Love . . . is like a beautiful flower which I may not touch, but whose fragrance makes the garden a place of delight just the same. —Helen Keller.

Love seeks not limits but outlets. —Author Unknown.

It is possible that a man can be so changed by love as hardly to be recognized as the same person. —Terence.

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Singing Women To Give Concert At Daniel Memorial

The Mississippi Singing Women will be presented in concert at the Daniel Memorial Church, Jackson, as a part of the regular evening worship service on Sunday, September 19, at 7 p.m. This group, organized two years ago, is under the leadership of Mrs. Nan Grantham, consultant in the Mississippi Baptist Church Music Department. All of its members are ministers of music, wives of ministers of music, graded choir workers, or serving on a music staff, in various areas of the state. The Singing

Women have sung at various churches and colleges in the state, as well as at the State Convention and PraiSing in Nashville, Tennessee. Membership is always open and interested persons need only to contact Mrs. Grantham in the Church Music Department. Mrs. Dorothy Powell, member of Daniel Memorial, will be a featured soloist on Sunday evening. Paul Tapp is minister of music there, and Byron Malone, pastor.

Preventive Measures— The Role Of The Church

By Clifton Perkins
Director, Department of Church—
Minister Relations

The most effective way to handle conflict is to work for a quality of relationship between pastor and people that will keep it from arising. Both pastor and church members have a role to play in this strategy.

The church should have great respect for the office of pastor. He is not to be hired or fired as if he were an employee of a business concern. The pastor should come to this important position only after he and the church feel the definite leadership of God. "Thus," as Dr. Theodore Adams says, "neither the pastor nor the church should question the integrity of the original decision every time some difference of opinion arises."

Once I heard somebody say that there are three genders: "masculine, feminine, and preacher." The minister should not be treated as an "odddity" by his people. He deserves respect as a person. He will make mistakes as every human being does; but, even so, he deserves the loyalty, trust, and Christian love of his people.

One of the chief causes of conflict is lack of communication and understanding between church members and the pastor. The people may respect the pastor but still feel he is not giving proper leadership to the church. His ideas about the church and its ministry are not the same as theirs.

The pastor, on the other hand, is unhappy. He feels the situation is not what he was led to expect when he was called as pastor. The people seem not to be accepting his leadership. The results is frustration on the part of both pastor and people.

So often the thoughts of the people concerning his ministry reach the pastor via rumor and innuendo. This angers and depresses the pastor and certainly does nothing to increase the effectiveness of his ministry.

A way must be found for pastor and people to communicate with each other in a positive and helpful way. Some Baptist churches have found the answer in what they call a pastoral relations committee. This committee serves as a sort of liaison between the congregation and the pastor sharing with each other their feelings around what should be the ministry of the church and how to perform it.

Churches having such a committee point out that it should be small in number and those serving should be tactful, mature, resourceful, and wise. Of course, each church decides what is expected of this committee. Dr. Chauncey Daley points out that among its functions could be the following:

1. To serve as a channel of communication between the pastor and the members. In this way the pastor would know what the congregation expects of him and he of them.

2. To discuss trouble spots and how they may be alleviated. Honest confrontation is always better than behind the back criticism.

3. To serve in a peace keeping role by interpreting the congregation to the pastor and the pastor to the congregation.

To discuss with the pastor at least once a year his financial needs and to relay information and recommendations to the proper committee.

Maybe the pastoral relations committee is not the answer for every church. But the chances are if you don't have some means

of enabling pastor and people to communicate with each other, you need something.

In the role of the church in preventing conflict, let's turn to the deacons. They can greatly strengthen the pastor through their consecrated spiritual leadership. Deacons are not a governing board to tell the pastor what he can or cannot do. They are, rather, dedicated servants with whom the pastor will work in ministering to the total life and promoting the total mission of the church.

Certainly financial remuneration plays a part in church-pastor relations. The church should pay the pastor a salary which is adequate to take care of his needs. Every church, even the smallest, should make some provision to allow the pastor to become involved in continuing education in some form. This is a great investment for the church. Dr. Earl Kelly says, "We proceed in peril if we do not recognize the important part sound salary policies play in building a healthy church."

Finally, members of the church should pray for each other and the pastor regularly and sincerely. In this way a church can undergird its ministry with strength and power. I read of a pastor who was in trouble with his congregation. A group of deacons began to support their pastor with prayer and active work. The day came when they could say, "We have a new pastor." Those who knew said this was true in spite of the fact that he had the same name. When we open our hearts in Christian love, the Holy Spirit will take care of our most insistent problems.

Preventing conflict is every Christian's job. Jesus said, "Blessed are the peacemakers; for they shall be called the children of God (Matthew 5:9)."

You can never bury your influence.

People stand up when they hear our National Anthem—and fall down when they start to sing it.

If you want to be miserable, hate somebody.

Mississippi Baptists Find Computer A Vital Tool

By WILLIAM H. SELLERS
Data Processing Coordinator
Mississippi Baptist Convention
Six year ago we made the "big decision."

Our Mississippi Baptist Convention decided to computerize its work, and the years since have been ones of constant refinement of our original system. As a result, the techniques and basic systems with which we process our information are vastly more versatile and efficient.

Six years ago we realized that, based on our projections, the additional staff required to handle the growing workload would more than offset the cost of computerization. In retrospect, going to computer has proved a very wise decision.

One of our delights the past three years has been providing considerable help to other state Baptist conventions interested in computerizing their information. Representatives from no less than 10 state conventions have invited our staff members to visit their offices for extensive consultations. The Mississippi system has become a sort of model for these fellow denominational workers.

We use electronic data processing for all the Convention Board accounting and mailing functions, including the state Baptist paper, The Baptist Record. This includes all financial statements (available the first working day after the end of the month), check writing, and payroll (except small cash items handled through a petty cash imprest checking account). We also prepare payroll and accounting for our Children's Home, payroll and mailing list for Negro Seminary Center, and one of our colleges.

Each department at the Convention is responsible for defining and coding its own invoices, and each prepares vouchers for payment. All prepared source data from the departments is processed, checked and batch controlled through the Comptroller's office before it is keypunched. Various departments are assigned the responsibility for the source data which updates the Board's mailing files. "In-House Control" is maintained by processing all entry data.

Our information is currently processed on an IBM Model 370-145 computer which utilizes a 330 Disc Drive and two tape drives (3410 and 3411). Church Computer Services of Jackson, our service bureau, receives our prepared data regularly and processes our work on a time-use rental computer. Finished work, which includes all printouts, addressed labels and envelopes, and reports, are received from the service bureau and distributed through our Data Processing Department.

Presently, the Convention maintains a mailing file of 17,400 records. This file is updated monthly and used to address either pressure sensitive labels or envelopes with the various departments use for promotional mailings. Certain segments of the file, such as the pastor's list, are used frequently for general correspondence.

Updated every two weeks, the circulation address file for The Baptist Record currently contains 119,500 records.

A good amount of management information is generated within our system, including various surveys requested by our different departments. This data is supplemented by a tape purchased once each year, and obtained from the annual Uniform Church Letter processed by the Baptist Sunday School Board.

Since going to computer the Convention Board has, through normal attrition, reduced its accounting office staff by 50% and the circulation staff of the Baptist Record by 75%.

To attempt the records keeping of the Convention and state paper circulation without the use of a computer would require five full-time staff members (in addition to the Comptroller) for the Board plus nine staff members (in addition to the Circulation and Advertising Supervisor) for the state paper. We would also require an expensive bookkeeping machine. Many of the reports and surveys now afforded through computerization could not be produced otherwise.

The present staff for the Convention's accounting operation includes the comptroller, chief accountant, one secretary, and three - quarter time bookkeeper.

Revival Dates

Fellowship Church, Meridian: September 19-24, services at 10:30 a.m. and 7 p.m.; James Fancher of Jackson, evangelist; Kenneth E. Walters, pastor.

Waxhaw Church, Sept. 19 - 26; Sunday morning at 11 o'clock; evening services at 7:30; H. A. (Son) Braswell of Crossett, Arkansas, evangelist.

New Hope Church (Landerdale): Sept. 19-24; Oliver D. Cagle, Mobile, Ala., evangelist; Arlis and Barbara Nichols, Enterprise, singers; services 10:30 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.; James E. Sanders, pastor.

Perkinston Church, (Stone): September 12-17; 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. Sunday only; 7:30 p.m. Monday - Friday; Dr. Howard Aultman, Columbia, evangelist; Benjie Warren, Perkinston, music director; Rev. Skip Barnett, pastor.

Prayer Lift For Pastors: Sept. 19-25

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Sept. 19
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Trotts On Fourth Furlough From Brazil

By Anne Washburn McWilliams
"This fourth furlough promises for our family both a college graduation and a wedding," said Freda.

A scene from Salvador, stitched in needlepoint. A miniature jaganda, graceful little fishing boat. You could almost close your eyes and imagine yourself in Brazil. But it's 208 East Main in Clinton, First Church's missionary residence, where Freda and Edd Trotts are living for a year.

Guava jelly and a slice of cheese. A tiny cup of strong, sweet coffee. "Brazilians serve these often to their guests."

"We like the whole year's furlough better than the short term one," Edd decided. "It's better for us because the younger children need an uninterrupted year in school. Mary, 15, is in tenth grade. She plans to finish high school in Recife. Paul is eight and in fourth grade."

"Debbie will graduate from Mississippi College next May," Freda added. "Then her wedding to Phil Pierce—of Amory—will be the same month. John is a sophomore at MC. Both John and Debbie have been living on campus before, but this year they are with us."

"In fact, we chose Clinton because of Debbie and John being here," Edd said. "Too, Freda graduated from Mississippi College and was secretary for a while at First Baptist Church."

"I worked once for the Baptist Record, as secretary for Joe Abrams," she said.

They were appointed missionar-

ies to Brazil in 1957, and were ten years in the state of Sergipe. Still in North Brazil, they are stationed at Campina Grande where he is executive secretary for the state Baptist Convention of Paraiba and she is homemaker and music missionary.

They arrived in the States to begin this furlough on June 14, in time to attend the Southern Baptist Convention in Norfolk.

"Returning in the Bicentennial year, just before July 4, brought an enormous emotional impact," she said. "The patriotic music at the SBC... hearing President Ford... our feelings for this country overflowed. We enjoyed the convention and the music tremendously."

Following the SBC they visited her sister in Charleston, South Carolina (she has a brother who lives at Houston) and went to Ridgecrest for Foreign Missions Week. July 4 they spent with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Porter, in Meridian, and at 15th Avenue Church, Meridian. An Oklahoman, Edd has a sister at Muscogee and a brother at Tulsa. He and Freda met at Southwestern Seminary.

Freda is working on a new needlepoint project, a view of French countryside. "Debbie brought me this," Debbie, who speaks French, Spanish, English, and Portuguese, spent a semester of her junior year studying in France.

A Pekinese puppy was asleep in his box—so new he didn't even have a name. "We have two dogs at home—Pekinese, too—Sniffy and Kissa," Freda said. "When

we go back next summer, we will leave this one with Debbie."

As do all furloughing missionaries, Freda and Edd stay busy with speaking engagements. She will be speaking at WMU association meetings. He will be in six world mission conferences, in Kentucky, Arizona, Mississippi, and Oklahoma. This summer both were at Camp Garaywa for two weeks of GA camp and he was at Sardis Lake for a week of RA camp.

At Lottie Moon offering time before Christmas, they will be speaking regularly, at First Church, Clinton, during the Week of Prayer, then at Meridian, Laurel, Liberty, and Jackson. For her, changing continents did not mean a cessation of duties as housekeeper and mother.

Being busy here is only an echo

of what being busy means back in Brazil. Besides being executive secretary, he usually is pastor of two or three churches, and at the time he left was pastor of First Church, Campina Grande, Patos; and Sape. He works at Paraiba's state Baptist camp, where he designed two buildings and helped to drill a well.

At regular intervals he visits each of the other churches (there are 35 Baptist churches and 35 mission points in Paraiba).

Since he used to be an engineer, he has adopted as his hobby the designing of church buildings.

She plays the organ, directs choirs, has been state WMU president of Paraiba for five years, and is state religious education director (music and education). She directs music clinics, is church treasurer, and Actsens counselor.



Freda and Edd Trotts, with their children, Debbie, John, Mary, and Paul, are on furlough from Brazil. They live in Clinton.

er. Additional staff includes one keypunch operator, one verifier-operator who is also correspondence secretary for the state paper, and one circulation clerk.

One major advantage we gained by computerizing all our information is that our information must be handled only once manually. There is absolutely no costly duplication of effort. All other manipulation of data is done by computer.

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Brothers Called To New Places In Same Week

It isn't rare for brothers to be in the ministry, but Rev. John Landrum, Jr. and Rev. James M. Landrum were extended calls within the same week to new places of service nearly 2,000 miles apart. Jim has assumed his responsibilities as minister of education and outreach at First Baptist Church, Newton serving on the staff of Rev. Hardy Denham. John is now pastor of Mission Way Baptist Church, Fremont, California.

A graduate of Southwestern Seminary (M. Div.), Jim and his wife, the former LaVerne Gray of Fordyce, Ark., served two years as US-4 missionaries of the Home Mission Board in Riverside, Calif.

John started preaching in high school, and all through college, and continued pastoring for several years of seminary study at New Orleans. Lacking only one quarter's work he dropped out of the seminary and was in secular work until returning to get his M. Div. degree at New Orleans Seminary last December. Having spent nearly ten years in California, he and his wife, the former Linda Sarpey of New Orleans, felt that the Lord wanted them back there because of the tremendous need.

Both of these young preachers are the sons of Dr. and Mrs. John W. Landrum of Clinton. Dr. Landrum, pastor emeritus of First Baptist Church, Grenada, has been medically retired for nearly eleven years.

Missionary Burned While Repairing Car

BOULDER, Colo. (BP)—Southern Baptist Missionary Jerald W. Perrill was badly burned over the right side of his body Aug. 20 while working on his father's car.

He is in Boulder (Colo.) Community Hospital suffering from mostly second degree and a few third degree burns, according to William R. Wakefield, the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board's area secretary for Southeast Asia. The burned area extends from his elbow to his shoulder and then down his right side to his knee.

Perrill and his family had planned to leave Boulder the next day to return to Thailand where they are serving.

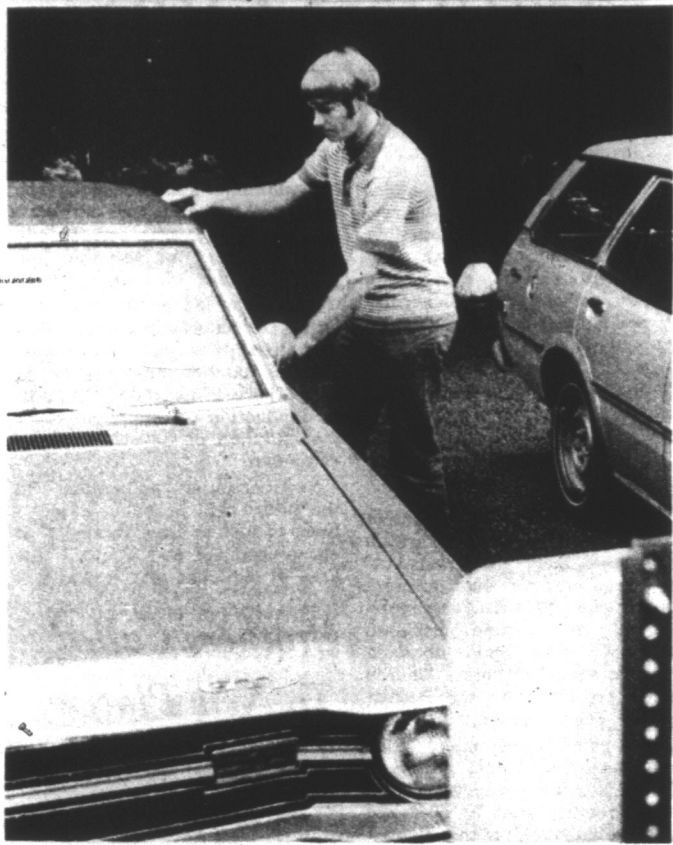
The accident occurred after Perrill refilled the gas tank in his father's car, which was empty because of a leak. He attempted to pour a small amount of gas into the carburetor while his father tried to start the car. The car backfired through the carburetor, igniting the can of gas in Perrill's hand. He jerked back, spilling the flaming gas on the right side of his body.

Perrill was born in Kansas but lived in Boulder during much of his childhood. Mrs. Perrill is the former Elaine Fortenberry of Mississippi. They have three children.

One part of her task as Christian homemaker has been teaching her children their school courses in English. At the same time they have attended school in Brazil, with youngsters their own age, thus getting a "double education." "They didn't think it fair to study two sets of lessons, though," their father laughed.

As the Brazilian fisherman takes his lightweight craft, the jaganda, onto the open sea and fishes for days at a time with very little rest, the missionary, fisherman, carries on his work continuously, on field and on furlough.

Today's Youth



BACK ON THE ROAD AGAIN—Opening and shutting car doors comes as naturally as breathing to Tom Bonds, who just completed his first year at The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Ky. The Mississippian traveled 900 miles each weekend this past school year in order to pastor Sardis Lake Baptist Church, Sardis, Miss., while attending Southern Seminary during the week. Bonds says he and his wife couldn't have kept up the grueling pace, "if it hadn't been for the Lord strengthening us."

Saltillo Mission Group Returns From New Mexico

Eleven teenagers and four adults from the Saltillo Baptist Church in Saltillo, Mississippi, returned recently from a mission trip to Deming, New Mexico. Working under the guidance of Bill Rutledge, language missionary, and four summer missionaries, members of the Saltillo group directed five Bible schools during their one-week stay.

Three of the Bible schools were Backyard Bible Clubs held outdoors — one in a trailer park, one on a sidewalk by a school, one in a park. The other two schools were held at the Bethel Baptist Church and at the Spanish Baptist Church. A total of 250 children and 12 adults, mostly Mexican-Americans, were enrolled, and 11 children made professions of faith.

During their stay, group members crossed the border to Polomas, Mexico, to see the conditions under which Baptists there are working. As a result, the Saltillo Baptist Church supplied funds to purchase a vehicle for

use by the Baptist lay minister in Polomas as he attempts to begin new churches in neighboring towns.

The group was also able to sightsee on the trip west, visiting Six Flags Over Texas, Carlsbad Caverns, and Juarez, Mexico. The New Mexico assignment was received through application to the Home Mission Board. Following assignment, several months were spent in training, preparation, and Bible study in the local church. Most of the funds for the trip were acquired through donations from individuals in the church and through money-raising projects sponsored by the youth and their parents.

Youth making the trip were Susan Alexander, Kim Bedford, Fran Byrd, Debbie Christensen, Doris Christensen, Jennifer Dillard, Judy Gibson, Susan Herring, Joy King, Rick Littlejohn, and Pam Turner. Sponsors were Beverly and Bill Bedford and the church music and youth director and her husband, Charlotte and Tommy McElroy.

Some people want to go to heaven for the same reason they want to go to California — they have relatives there.

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Mississippian Travels Many Miles To Preach

By Nancy Carter

LOUISVILLE, Ky. — What do you do when you're the pastor at a church in Mississippi and feel led to attend seminary in Kentucky, 450 miles away?

You go to seminary and commute 900 miles each weekend so you can continue serving as the church's pastor — if you've got the stamina of Thomas Bonds.

During this school year, Tom attended classes at Southern Seminary here during the week. On Friday evenings, after his wife, Jeannie, got home from her teaching job, the couple would pack the car. Eight hours later — around 11 p.m. — they'd be at their church, Sardis Lake Baptist Church, Sardis, Miss.

Following a weekend of sharing and serving the people they love so much, Tom and Jeannie would head back to Louisville Sunday after the evening services. About 3 a.m. the Bonds would arrive at the seminary campus. By 8 a.m. Jeannie would be at school teaching her class.

For Tom, 24, this is his first experience as pastor. He and Jeannie went there not long after graduating from Mississippi College, Clinton.

Tom explained he felt it was the Lord's will for him to continue his ministry at Sardis. Just 20 years old, the young church would lose its pastors after about two years, when most decided to attend seminary or Bible school, he said, adding each time this happened, attendance would drop to about 35 or 40 people.

Tom was there about a year and a half before beginning seminary, but he was determined not to cause the church to shrink again. And it hasn't. The church has gradually grown to about 70 people.

"I don't think many preachers going into their first church have found people as willing to work with you as the people there have been with me."

Tom said his seminary experience has helped him grow intellectually and with sermon preparation, and his church experience has helped him put his learning into practice.

He added he and his wife were glad they were financially able to continue the commuting throughout the year. He said it cost them \$150 a month for travel expense,

including the gas his wife used to drive to work each day. The couple used his salary from the church for gas and food. Jeannie's salary paid the bills and they received a Ministry Scholarship (provided by a fund supported by the seminary's alumni) to "help take up the slack."

Weather has also been favorable for the couple. It only rained three times while they were traveling, and snowed lightly just once.

"It's been amazing how it's all worked out," the Roxie, Miss., native said.

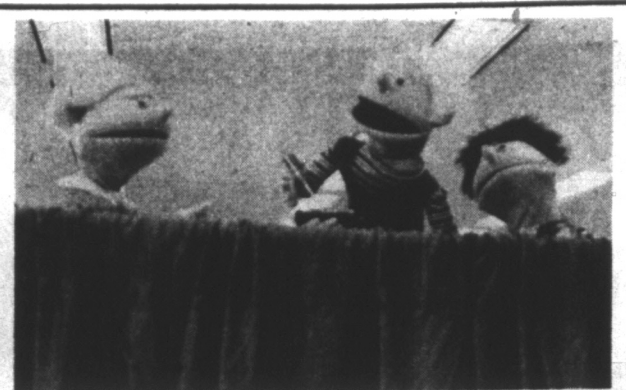
As he reflected on this past year with its hectic, demanding pace, Tom has only good things to say about the experience.

"It's been definitely worth it all. I've grown as a Christian. I don't take credit for being able to go back and forth, because my wife and I would have given out a long time ago if it hadn't been for the Lord strengthening us," he said, adding he believes the church has grown from the experience as well.

"The people have gained from it in the sense that the men have 'come out' — they're the leaders now. They took the Wednesday night service. They've grown spiritually."

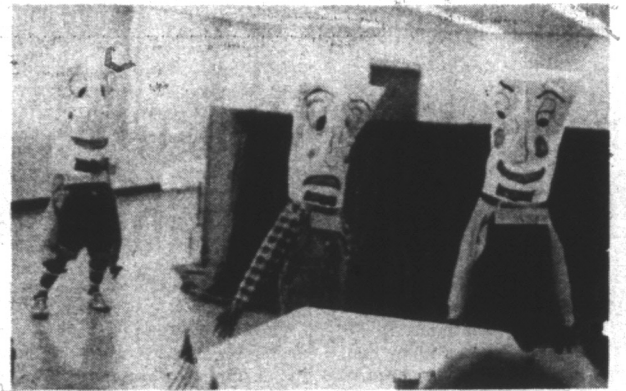
He sees the church as "a big family," and feels as the church members become closer to one another, they draw others into the church.

"I think it's the greatest church in the world."



"The Originals," puppeteers from Morrison Heights Church, Clinton, presented Dr. Joe Odle's "life story" to those at the party given him at the Baptist Building August 20. They were directed by Jan Cossitt, director of activities at the church. Puppeteers were Beth Robbins, David Hyde, and Keith Prevost.

Originals Perform In Jackson



"The Little People" from Morrison Heights portrayed Dr. Earl Kelly, Dr. Joe Odle, and Don McGregor. They were played by Liz Warren, Deirdre Adams, and Jan Cossitt.

While Churches Play Games, America Dies

By John Price, Jr.

What is wrong with today's religion? Simply that we have made our own established religion and not true Christianity. When we try to handle God's business, and operate things that only our Lord can do, we seem to "make a mess of things," as we are doing with our nation now. Why is it true that Christianity is not as effective today as it once was? Why is America falling deeper and deeper into sin, while at the same time many church buildings are getting fuller and fuller of people? Many "decisions" by Christ are being made today, and yet the evidence of genuinely changed hearts is missing. Why?

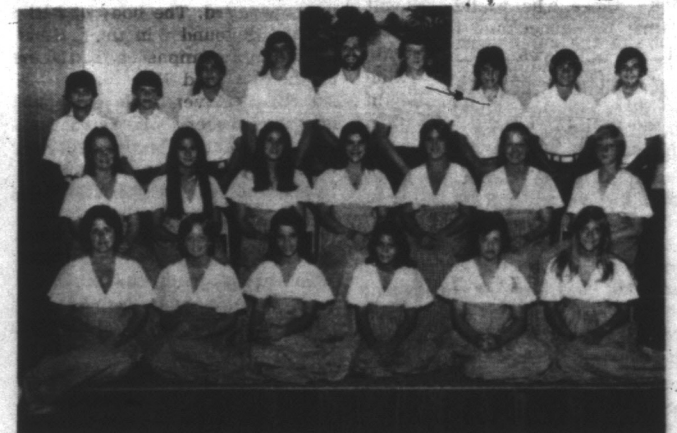
These are questions that are asked everywhere, and we should get answers! Yes, more people are going to church today than ever before. How can the church be doing so well, while at the same time sin and open immorality are enjoying a massive "play-time"? To illustrate this more fully, let us consider this:

If someone is terribly ill, he is usually given some type of medicine to help cure the illness. If the medicine is given, yet the patient continues to worsen; we naturally assume that the medicine is not doing its job! We can apply this to our spiritual situation. Our nation is terribly ill, spiritually. Religious medicine is given to the patient, yet it is getting worse and is almost dead. Why? Because the medicine being given is religion and not Christianity.

Whether we like to face that fact or not, America is in a sad shape. She is in a state of spiritual and moral decay. No nation

has ever gone as far as our nation has gone without facing defeat and destruction. America is lost and dying and bound for hell. We need Christ! We need to wake up and face this fact, and it needs to be faced squarely and honestly! Christians everywhere need to wake up to this fact and then reach out with a genuine arm of faith to a lost and dying nation! Churches are playing games, while America dies! God help it to be stopped, before it's too late! !!

(Note: The writer of this article, from Heidelberg, MS, is age 18; cannot afford such a large rate.)



Choir Sings In Alabama

The Youth Choir of Immanuel Church, Greenwood, recently sang in five churches in Alabama and spent two days at Six Flags Over Georgia on their choir tour. They presented the patriotic musical "In God We Trust." The choir was under direction of Stanley Nowell, youth director. M. C. Johnson is pastor.



Cyndi Sunshine

Cyndi Bowman, with a little Clown White, becomes Cyndi Sunshine to communicate the love of Jesus Christ and the joy of Christian life to children at lay renewal weekends. Cyndi, a student at Mercer University in Atlanta, Ga., attends as many as eight weekends a year and may be the best known children's worker in lay renewal. (HMB Photo by Paul Obregon)

More Tourists In Israel This Year

JERUSALEM, Israel — Israel's tourism from the United States has soared by 55 per cent in the first several months of this year as compared with the total for the similar period in 1975.

Southern Baptist Representative G. Wayne Buck, the Baptist tourist chaplain, attributed the increase, at least in part, to the renewed interest of Christians in the Bible and in prophecy in particular. He states that one of the first questions asked by Baptist tourists when they reach Jerusalem is about the rebuilding of the temple.

While it is true that the Great Synagogue next to the Chief Rabbinate is being built, said Buck, this is located far from the original site of the temple which was built on the Temple Mount.

Many believe that the temple will one day be built on this site where the Mosque of Omar now stands, according to Buck. Another question frequently asked by Christian pilgrims relates to the coming of the Messiah. Buck says these two questions naturally lead to long discussions and much in-depth Bible study.

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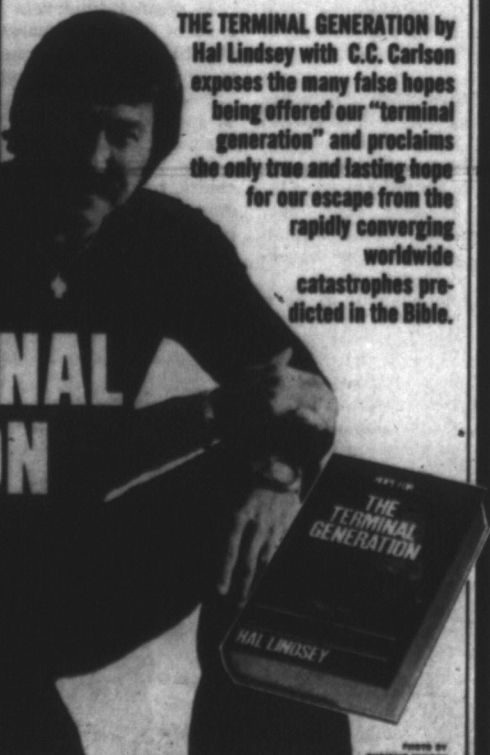
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POWERLINE A Straight Line to Teens

Dr. J. P. Allen, Director, Audience Response

PREDESTINATION: QUE SERA, SERA

Students as well as scholars are concerned with the perplexing questions of the universe.

Are things predestined? Some of my religious classmates say, yes! But if God is all-knowing, he knows everything past, present, and future. Since he knows, it's futile for us to try to change the world or to be concerned about our destiny. It's already mapped out! Is life really like that—sort of "Que sera, sera?"

Like all questions of a speculative nature, this has no definitive answer but is a matter of interpretation. We suggested this approach.

Try to draw a distinction between predestination and foreknowledge. There is no discrepancy between God's knowing what we will do and our freedom to make that choice. God cares for us too much to limit our free wills. He could have made us like slaves, but he chose to make us like his children. Unless our love for him is voluntary, it's worthless.

As a father observes his child and becomes familiar with her personality, he can usually predict her behavior. Similarly, God knows us well and is not at all surprised by our choices.

Finally, the New Testament doctrine of predestination does not mean "Que sera, sera." It means that God took the initiative far in advance and predetermined a way of salvation would be made. But the universal truth in the good news of the gospel remains, "Whosoever will may come."

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Set Free To Serve

By Wm. J. Falls
Galatians 5:13 to 6:18

People of Paul's day were quite aware of slavery. A large proportion of the population of most cities consisted of slaves. Although they had some rights in Roman law, they were owned and controlled like other property. They had no possessions and could not be legally married. Some might be given freedom but most had a dismal future.



Thus, freedom was a vibrant reality rather than a mere word. Paul saw all legalistic religion as a kind of slavery, and the faith commitment to Christ was liberation or freedom. But the kind of freedom had also some limitations; it was not a permit to do as you please. After all, the Christian lives under the lordship of Christ.

The Lesson Explained FREEDOM TO LOVE ONE ANOTHER (Gal. 5:13-15, 25-26)

Some who heard this letter read for the first time may have been slaves, but Paul was saying even to them as brothers in Christ: "You all were called to

freedom." No more would they be threatened by paganism or legalistic Judaism. Then he added: "But do not let this freedom become an excuse for letting your physical desires rule you" (TEV). Instead, they were to measure their neighborly relations by love rather than mere law. While this sounds mild enough, Paul in verse 15 may have been referring to actual conditions in the church, which could be changed only by love.

In the next nine verses Paul contrasted the "works of the flesh" with the "fruit of the Spirit."

LOVE THAT IS HELPFUL AND HONEST (Gal. 6:1-5)

Although this passage begins a new chapter, it really continues the thought of 5:26 as Paul gets down to cases on the meaning of Christian freedom and love. If a fellow believer should be caught in some misdeed, those who were trying to live by the Spirit should help to set him right. They should be gentle with him and alert as to themselves that they not yield to some evil (like pride) while trying to do good.

Verses 3 and 5 seem to be contradictory, but one really supplements the other. Just as the Ga-

latians were to restore a stumbling brother, they were to help one another with their heavy loads to keep them from falling. They were not to be preoccupied with their importance because they might prove to be nobodies. Each person was to test his work or conduct. If it was right by God's standards, he should not compare himself with another. Thus, every person must carry his own load.

LOVE THAT ACCEPTS RESPONSIBILITY (Gal. 6:6-10)

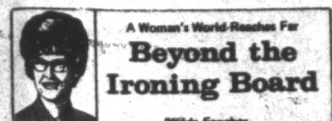
Very practical counsel appears in verse 6: "The man who is being taught the Christian message should share all the good things he has with his teacher" (TEV). This may mean more than material support, but it is clearly an application of the helpfulness born of Christian love. A pupil is always indebted to his or her teacher.

Then abruptly Paul warned his readers against deceiving themselves by thinking they could fool God. Just as a seed can become only another plant of that kind, so a life devoted only to one's natural desires will end up only in death and destruction. In the same way, a person who opens himself to the fruit of the Spirit will reap the kind of life that is eternal.

Sustained By Hope

By Bill Duncan
Jeremiah 32; Ezra 1

Some years ago, one of our nation's submarines sank off the coast of Massachusetts, becoming a prison for its crew. Ships were rushed to the scene and divers went down to see if anything could be done. The men in the submarine clung desperately to life as slowly their oxygen supply was exhausted. The divers and the



I think there is a holy adverb in my life.

Now, a bunch of you probably skipped school the day the teacher said she would be teaching you adverbs. A bunch more of you find that adverbs have skipped your memory. So, a skeleton grammar lesson. Adverbs are the words, phrases, and clauses we use to tell how, when, where, how much, why, etc.: sadly, yesterday, upstairs, greatly, because I was sick.

The holy adverb in my life is Somehow.

Another of life's traumatic experiences is behind me. And I made it, Somehow.

Our third born accepted the smallest scholarship offer he had, from the most distant college, and is now a lowly freshman six hundred miles away.

James and I went out and stayed from Saturday until Tuesday of enrollment and orientation. Everything worked out very well. Somehow. The three of us visited a church on Sunday morning, not the one Jim planned to join and not the one we had planned to visit. But, Somehow, we were almost compelled toward that church. It was one of the most delightful churches we have ever been in and on the first phrase of this invitation hymn, down the aisle went Jim. We then had the Lord's Supper with his new church family. Just what we needed then, Somehow. Just what we need now, Somehow, to be able to know what kind of folks he's with, what kind of preaching and music he's listening to.

Tuesday morning Jim came to the motel to go to breakfast with us before we left. I had promised myself that nobody would see me cry about coming home without him. And the only one who did was James. At least, I guess he could see me through his tears as we left the motel one way and Jim left it another. But both of us composed ourselves. Somehow, and straightened our faces enough to be able to turn around and wave to Jim when our cars came back together and he had to turn again.

Ever since, there's been a quiet kind of peace in my heart about it. Somehow. When Jim came to grips last spring with the problem of the six hundred miles, we all finally agreed that he needed to give it a try rather than to give up his dream. The holy adverb works in his life, too. And as long as he feels that's where he should be, Somehow, everything else will be all right, too.

Meanwhile, if any firm with a Watts line to Oklahoma, Illinois, and points south, needs a good English-Latin-Journalism teacher, I'm available.

Well, a night cleaning-woman, then?

We'll pay that phone bill, Somehow.

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Keeping The Faith

By Bill Duncan
Daniel 1, 6

The life and main character of the book, Daniel, is clearly evidenced in his writing as a man of deep, reliant faith and unshakable, fearless courage. Not only does Daniel set before us the example of a fearless life, but also a challenge to stand true to our Lord and his teachings regardless of the cost.

The book of Daniel is clear in presenting the mighty power of God at work in overwhelming forces of evil. God, in his sovereign power, does bring judgment upon those who would revolt against His grace and love.

In the latter years of the apostle Paul's life, he wrote to Timothy and said: "I have fought the good fight, I have finished the course, I have kept the faith (II Tim. 6:12). How can one keep

Seminary Gets \$250,000 Toward Fitness Center

FORT WORTH (BP) — Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary here has received a \$250,000 contribution to its "Eight by Eighty" campaign from the Mabec Foundation for meeting a challenge issued by the Tulsa-based foundation in January of this year.

The Mabec grant is to be applied toward a \$1.3 million physical fitness center. The grant was contingent upon the seminary raising the balance of the cost of the building in cash and pledges by August 15.

When the challenge was issued earlier this year, the seminary had \$860,000 in cash and pledges earmarked for the proposed center.

the faith? We must keep the faith, but we must not keep it ourselves. In our own strength, we cannot resist the attacks that seek to pervert the purity of the faith.

The definite article "the" suggests that this is not merely a faith among many faiths. It is the faith apart from and above all other systems of thoughts. The faith admits no equals, or no substitutes and acquiesces to no rivals. Its exponents are to effect no compromises, appease no imposters, and retreat before no invaders. The faith refers not to the exercise of faith, but to the thing believed. The body of belief today is found in the Bible. Its scope encompasses God the Faith, Son, and Holy Spirit, sin, salvation, heaven, hell, righteousness, and redemption as they evolve into the full expression of Christian character. The faith enters in the cross of Christ and all that it involves.

Young Daniel was in the group of young men selected by King Nebuchadnezzar to be trained for his government. On the surface what the king did for the Hebrew boys seemed to be advantageous, and it was, if personal comfort can be considered an advantage. But the king was crafty. He knew that if he was to turn the hearts of the Hebrew boys to the Babylonian gods, it was necessary, first of all, to blot out their fidelity to their former teaching of the Jehovah God. His age-old method of laying prosperity and comfort before God's servants in an attempt to get them to supplant the spiritual with the temporal.

If the believer is to be effective for God, he must be willing to forsake the world to follow Christ. Let us not be deluded by the wicked one into thinking that personal comfort and enjoyment derived from the things of the world can be interpreted as blessings from God.

"Daniel purposed in his heart." The word purposed means that he stood with decided determination. He refused to be awayed by popular appeal. The king changed Daniel's name but he could not change his faith. He refused the king's meat and drink because he knew it had some connection with heathen worship. His faith said that God would protect him and keep him healthy. "Daniel ran a risk" some have

learning and wisdom and Daniel had understanding in all visions and dreams."

It pays to walk with God. Daniel was willing to take an uncompromising stand for the Lord. He realized that lasting happiness is found not in doing as one pleases, but in doing as God pleases. Have you discovered that partial obedience is never satisfying to the Lord?

Daniel became president over the 120 princes that watched the king's revenue. Because of Daniel's experience, ability, and integrity, he was that first president.

The adversaries sought to destroy Daniel because of the jealousy in their heart. By law the princes had the king to pass a law that no one should pray to any God or man than the king for a period of 30 days.

The action of the king did not affect Daniel in the least. When he received knowledge of what had been done, he went to his house at the appointed time and prayed as always. Daniel's praying was a matter of habit. He prayed as he did "aforetime."

Darius tried to comfort Daniel as he was being rushed off to the lions' den. Humanly speaking, there was no possible escape for Daniel. The king said, "Thy God whom thou servest continually, He will deliver thee." Daniel was not kept from the lions den, but he was kept in it. God's perfect love not only banished fear for Daniel, but at the same time produced faith to believe that God would undertake.

Because Daniel kept the faith, God was able to use him to be a blessing. Daniel believed God would provide, and the Lord did not fail him.

Good Hope (Lamar) Calls Townsend

The Rev. David E. Townsend has accepted a call to Good Hope Church (Lamar) near Purvis, as pastor. He had been interim pastor at First Church, Sanford. Former pastorates include churches in Geor-

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Ten Simultaneous Associational Schools Of Music Scheduled For North Mississippi

Ten North Mississippi associations will participate in simultaneous Schools of Music September 20-23.

The associations participating, location of the meetings and the associational chairman are: Chickasaw Association, First, Houston, Rick Carter, chairman; Grenada Association, Emmanuel, Grenada, Bobby Shurden, chairman; Holmes Association, First, Lexington, Paul Harper, chairman; Lee, West Jackson Street, Tupelo, Harold Smith, chairman; Leflore, First, Green-

wood, Raleigh McGougan, chairman; Lowndes, Fairview, Columbus, William Fancher, chairman; Monroe, First, Amory, Hamp Valentine, chairman; Tate, First, Coldwater, Farley Earnest, chairman; Benton - Tippah, First Ripley, Bill Baker, chairman; and Union, First, New Albany, Bob Gray, chairman.

Subject matters and music activities will be planned basically the same in each area, with variations to meet local needs. Study course materials will include: Congregational Singing, Reynolds; Song Leading, Sims; Hymn Playing, Williams; Beginning Organist,

Shanks; The Beginning Music Reader, McKinney; Music Making with Younger Children, Stillwell, et al; Me, Music and Others, Jones; and music activities for children attending.

Teachers in these schools will include local music leaders, ministers of music from southern and central Mississippi, Church Music Department staff, and music specialists sponsored by the Church Music Department, MBCB, Dan C. Hall, director.

South Mississippi Schools of Music are scheduled for September 26-30, 1977.

Chautauquas Readied For Senior Adults

NASHVILLE — In September and October of this year, hundreds of senior adults are expected at Glorieta, N. M., and Ridgecrest, N. C. for the annual Chautauquas.

"Old Times, New Times: His Times" is the theme for the meetings, the first of which will be at Glorieta (N. M.) Baptist Conference Center, Sept. 20-24. The other three meetings will be Sept. 27-

Oct. 1 at Glorieta; and October 18-22 and Oct. 25-29 at Ridgecrest (N.C.) Baptist Conference Center. Each week will follow the same program although the personnel will change.

Mississippians will be among program personnel at Glorieta and Ridgecrest. Horace Kerr, Jackson, will direct the advanced leadership conference for the second week at Glorieta. John Laughlin, Meridian, will be the song leader for the first Chautauqua at Ridgecrest.

Devotional

Becoming Like Jesus

By Joe Anderson, Pastor, McAdams Church
Romans 8:28-31

Evangelist James Robinson used an illustration of a sculpture to show how God works in our lives. "One day a man was walking down a street. As he passed the sculptor's shop he looked in the window. There was an image of a horse chiseled out of stone that was so life-like that he stopped to find out how it was done. The sculptor told him that he had taken a rough stone and his hammer and chisel and knocked everything off the stone that did not resemble a horse."

As we read Paul's letter to the church at Rome, we can hear him say, "All things work together for good to them that love God." We often say that "all good things work together and all bad things don't." This is wrong. I remind you that "good" and "bad" are terms we use to express whether events are happening in our favor or against us. God views all things as working for the benefit of those who love him.

You may ask yourself: "How does my financial loss help?" "How do all those catastrophes, set backs, and discouragements of life help?" The answer is in verse 28. "He also did predestinate to be conformed to the image of His Son." That is what God is doing in us — He is making us into the image of His son Jesus Christ, and He uses any means necessary to get that job done.

We talk and sing about being "more like the Master." Let us not be discouraged when the master tries to make us more like himself. Trials are hurdles to make us stronger, not barriers to stop us.

Self Creek To Mark 75th Anniversary

Self Creek Church, has designated September 19, as the date for its seventy-fifth anniversary.

Morning services will be conducted as usual, Sunday School, 10 and morning services 11.

Dinner on the ground will begin at 12 noon, there will be a time of fellowship.

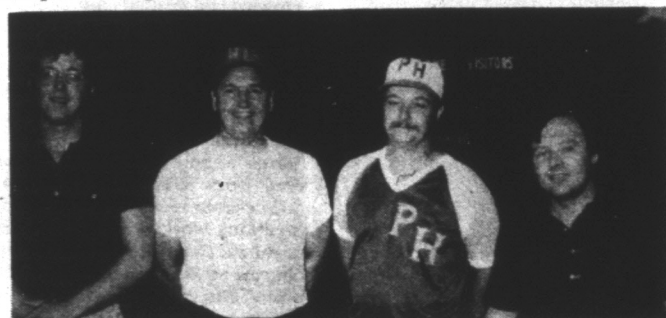
Singing under the direction of Paul Fulgham, Self Creek's music director, will begin at 1:30. Many of the former pastors will speak. The service will end about 3.

Self Creek was organized September 23, 1901. Rev Douglas Dexter, is the pastor.

Bentonla To Dedicate Carillon And Steeple

Bentonla Church will hold homecoming and dedication services September 19. Rev. W. L. Marsh, a former pastor, will be speaker for the service at 11 o'clock. This will be followed by dinner on the ground.

At the 2 p.m. service the church will dedicate the carillon system given in memory of the late Joseph E. Martin, Sr., deacon, by family and friends. Further services will be the dedication of the steeple given in memory of the late Victor Cook, Jr. by his family and friends.



"Christian Sportsmen" In Jones County

The Jones County Church Softball League of Laurel, annually presents five Christian sportsmanship awards to members of the league. Team managers turn in a ballot listing their choice. The top five with most votes receive the awards. This year, from approximately 200 players, 43 were nominated as top Christian sportsmen. Of those nominated, six tied for these awards. The 1976 Christian Sportsmanship Awards winners were left to right: Stan Ellzey, Wildwood; Gene Fairchild, West Laurel; George Moss, Pleasant Home; James "Butch" Alexander, Highland; and (not pictured) Tommy "T.K." Kuykendall, West Laurel; Mike Sullivan, Plainway. Gene Fairchild is the league president.



Camp Lakeside Available To Churches

The Tallahatchie Association owns and operates a year-round camping facility, Camp Lakeside Baptist Assembly. They had a dedication service on June 13 for the house in which the camp caretaker and his family reside. They have just completed their summer program, is reported to have been the best in a number of years. Plans are being made for future expansion and involvement on the part of the people in that area. The facility is available to anyone in the state of Mississippi to use. Contact Danny Kellum in

Tutwiler, MS 38963, camp director. The house is brick veneer, central air and heat, 3-bedrooms, 2-bath, located on the camp ground, and was erected at an estimated cost of \$28,000. The entire program of work is funded through the Tallahatchie Baptist Association. On the day of dedication, Ray Grissett, consultant, Cooperative Missions Department, MBCB, delivered the dedicatory message and the program was directed by Lewis Kellum, moderator of the association. A large number of local people were present for the dedication service.

Union University To Dedicate SBC President's Corridor

Union University in Jackson, TN, will honor seven former students and trustees who have served as president of the Southern Baptist Convention, with the formal dedication of a 600-foot Southern Baptist Convention Presidents' Corridor on September 17.

Five of the seven former presidents will be on hand for the special service which begins at 10 a.m. in the G. M. Savage Memorial Chapel. Immediately following the service, during which the distinguished guests will speak briefly, the corridor will be dedicated by the unveiling of portraits of the former president.

To be honored during festivities at the college are: Dr. Wayne Dehoney, Dr. M. E. Dodd, Dr. J. D. Grey, Dr. Robert G. Lee, Dr. H. Franklin Paschall, Dr. Ramsey Pollard, and current President Dr. James L. Sullivan.

With the exception of Dr. Dodd, who is deceased and Dr. Sullivan, who had a previous engagement, all the former presi-

dents will attend the dedication. The corridor dedication will be a highlight of the fall semester as Union begins its second year on its completely new campus located on the U. S. 45 Bypass. The corridor is the spine of the general classroom complex and is used by most of the departments of the college for daily instruction.

Special Events Precede Homecoming At Sylvaena

Two special events on Saturday, September 11, preceded homecoming day at Sylvaena Church near Wesson. Mrs. Lynne Barlow presented an arts and crafts demonstration at 10 a.m., and Mrs. Jeanette Jackson presented a program on "Party Foods" at 1 p.m.

Rev. W. E. Derrick was the featured guest speaker for homecoming day on Sunday, September 12. A special music and recognition service was held after dinner on the grounds.

Names In The News

The Rev. Dewey M. Metts Sr. has been called as interim pastor of Emmanuel Church. Metts recently retired from the full time pastorate after 46 years in the ministry. He and his wife are now residing in Ocean Springs.

Danny Lanier was recently licensed to preach by Mt. Nebo church, Collinsville. A native of Newton County, he was graduated from Beulah Hubbard High School. He is active in the church in youth-led groups mission organizations and the choir. The son of Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Lanier of Decatur, he has preached in his own church and in neighboring churches and is available for supply and in youth programs. He can be reached at Route 2, Box 128, Decatur, Miss. 38927 (telephone 635-3553). He entered college at East Central in January.

Concord Church of Yantley, Alabama, recently called Hugh Boswell, former Mississippian, as pastor and requested the Franklin Avenue Church of New Orleans, Louisiana, to ordain him. He was ordained Aug. 15. Boswell is a student at New Orleans Seminary.

Dr. Jess C. Moody announced his resignation as pastor of the First Baptist Church of West Palm Beach, Florida, in a letter he read to the congregation Sunday morning, September 5. Dr. Moody told the 5,000-member congregation that he had accepted the call to become pastor of the First Baptist Church of Van Nuys, California. Moody will deliver his final messages and conclude his ministry in the Palm Beaches September 19 and then on October 10 he will assume the pastoral responsibilities of the Van Nuys Church with more than 12,000 members. He is a former president of the SBC Pastors' Conference.

Dr. Billy Graham spoke at memorial services at the Western Springs Baptist Church, Western Springs, Illinois, on September 8, 1976, for Erma L. Shea, wife of "America's Beloved Gospel Singer," George Beverly Shea. Shea, one of the original Team members, has traveled as soloist with Dr. Graham all over the world. Mrs. Shea, Erma L. Sharfe, was born in Ottawa, Ontario, Canada, October 23, 1908. She attended Houghton College, Julliard School of Music and Toronto Conservatory of Music. On June 16, 1964, she married George Beverly Shea. Most of their married life was lived in Western Springs, Illinois, where they reared their two children, Ronald and Elaine (Mrs. Ray Anderson). Interment was September 9, 1976, at Mt. Pleasant Cemetery, Houghton, New York.

Robert E. Baker, manager of the Carterville (Ill.) Baptist Book Store, became manager of the Baptist Book Store Mail Order Center, Hazelwood, Mo., a suburb of St. Louis. Baker, a Mississippi native, received the B. A. degree from Mississippi College, Clinton. He served as pastor of churches in Mississippi and Ohio and worked in the Jackson, (Miss.) Baptist Book Store before becoming manager of the Baptist Book Store in Miami.

Dr. Samuel E. Woodson, retired minister and twice president of the Mississippi Baptist Convention, has been named chairman of the 1976-77 Union University (Jackson, Tenn.) Alumni Campaign. A 1929 graduate of Union, Dr. Woodson has been active in denominational affairs during his 48 years in the ministry. He retired from the pastorate of First Baptist Church, Columbus, Miss., in 1972 after serving 35 years there. He now resides at 55 Elmwood Drive, Jackson, Tenn.

Hazel (Mrs. Walter E.) Craighead, emeritus Southern Baptist missionary, died August 31 at 6:25 p.m. in the Midwest City Hospital, Midwest City, Okla. She was 83. The Craigheads first went to Bessarabia in 1921, soon after that region passed from Russian to Romanian control during World War I. First supported by a church in Chattanooga, Tenn., they were appointed by the Foreign Mission Board in 1928. Their ministry in Europe terminated when the Soviet Union overran Bessarabia and Bucovina in 1940. After eight years in the States they went to Encarnacion, Paraguay. They retired in 1958. She is survived by her husband of Midwest City; three sons: Albert E. Craighead, missionary to Cuneo, Italy; Eugene E. Craighead, Bucharest, Romania; and David C. Craighead, Midwest City; two daughters, Mrs. Maryanna Stucky, Houston, Tex., and Mrs. Evelyn Pruitt, Choctaw, Okla.; 20 grandchildren; two great grandchildren; and 3 sisters.

Mr. and Mrs. Michael E. (Mike) Williams, missionary appointees to Honduras, will attend the 14-week orientation program at Callaway Gardens (address: P. O. Box 535, Pine Mountain, Ga. 31822). He was

born in Shreveport, and also lived in Mobile; McComb, Ms.; and other Louisiana towns. She is the former Debbie Simmons of Fort Worth.

Mr. and Mrs. Michael (Mike) C. Murphy, missionary appointees to Guatemala, will attend the 14-week orientation program beginning Sept. 13 at Callaway Gardens (address: P. O. Box 535, Pine Mountain, Ga. 31822). Before they were appointed by the Foreign Mission Board in 1976, he was pastor of Sunflower (Miss.) Baptist Church.

Susan Stokeld and Pat Sullivan have been named as editors of Woman's Missionary Union publications. Susan Stokeld, a Leconte, Louisiana, native, is editor of Mission Friends materials, a position previously held by Helen Allan who is now executive director of Ohio WMU. Miss Stokeld served as a missionary journeyman to M'lang, Philippines. Prior to her move to WMU, she was a librarian in Plainview, Louisiana. Pat (Mrs. Jon Rey) Sullivan will fill a newly created position as editor of Girls in Action and Acteens products. As well as teaching English in Mountain Brook, Alabama, she served as a missionary journeyman in Sanyati, Rhodesia.



William Carey College faculty, staff and spouses dined together Friday evening, August 27, and honored those who have served the school in various capacities throughout the years. Two trustees and one faculty member outranked the others. From left: Dr. Earl Green, a second-generation Carey trustee has been on the Board for 22 years; Mrs. Evelyn McClure, head of the department of home economics, surpassed everyone in longevity of service with a total of 29 years; and Dr. Bruce Aultman, president of the Board of Trustees has acquired 25 years of service. Others over the twenty-year mark included President Ralph Noonkester, Vice-president J. D. Sims (Business Manager), Mrs. Helen McWhorter of the music faculty, and Dr. Donald Winters, dean of the School of Music.

September 26 Is Joe Olander Day At Providence

The Rev. C. J. Olander will deliver two messages on Homecoming Day at Providence Church, Yazoo County, September 26. The church has designated that Sunday as Joe Olander Day. Sixty-one years ago he was called as their pastor, his first pastorate. On September 22, he will be 82.

Services will be at 11 a.m. and 1:30 p.m., with dinner on the grounds, according to the Rev. Robert I. Martin, pastor.

Mr. Olander says, "The last 'old' member of the church, my first organist, died in March, 1976, at the age of 87, and I was called upon to have a part in her funeral. The 'children' when I came are 61 plus now."

Sandersville Homecoming To Be September 26

Sandersville Church (Jones) will observe annual homecoming on September 26.

The Rev. Horace Carpenter, pastor of Roxie Church, Roxie, and a former pastor of Sandersville, will bring the morning message. Dinner on the ground will follow the morning worship service.

The pastor is the Rev. Bruce Jolly.

Unity Music Week To Include Banquet, Study Courses, Puppets

Unity Church of Pascagoula will be having a church-sponsored Church Music Emphasis Week on September 26-October 2. This will be an effort to make the people aware of the music needs of the church and to bring about a clearer understanding of some of the hymns sung in worship.

The week will consist of the following:

September 26 — talent survey and the awarding of youth choir attendance awards.

September 28 — Telephone search to entire membership for prospects.

September 29 — Hymn Sing on prayer.

September 30 — Church music visitation night.

October 1 — Church Music Ban-

quet. Guest speaker: Rev. Zeno Wells, director of mission, Jackson County Association.

October 2 — Church Music Study Course Day. The adults and youth will be studying "Great Hymns of Testimony" by Ernest Murrian. The book will be taught by Neil Harris, minister of music at First, Gautier. The children will be studying "The Singing Book" by Betty Woodward. It will be taught by Elaine Byrd of Ocean Springs, a former worker for the Mississippi Church Music Department. Special guest: puppet group from the Eastlawn Church, Pascagoula.

Rev. Nolan Mapp is pastor at Unity. Danny Von Kapel is minister of music. Other churches are invited.

Off The Record

A rich man spent a lot of money on underwater scuba equipment. He bought the works and tried out all the parts.

While deep underwater, he saw a man who had no equipment. He couldn't understand it. So he took out his special underwater writing set and he wrote a message asking how the man did it without any gear.

The man grabbed the pen and wrote back: "You idiot! I'm drowning!" — Toto-Caps, Monmouth, Illinois.

Seething with indignation, a mother went to see her son's teacher.

"Now look here," she demanded. "I want to know why you gave Willy zero on his history exam."

"But," said the teacher, spreading her hands helplessly, "What else could I do? There wasn't anything on his paper."

The mother thought this over a moment, then sniffed. "Well, I think you might at least have given him a good mark for neatness." —LEO AIKMAN, Atlanta Journal.